



Bulletin



May 2015

From the Pres

Wey K8EAB

New ATNO's Here

LoTW QSL's arrived here from 7QAA, E3ØFB, and PQØT. Congratulations to all SEDXC members who worked some or all of these entities for ATNO's.

HR-1301

The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 -- H.R.1301 -- has been introduced in the US House of Representatives. The measure would direct the FCC to extend its rules relating to reasonable accommodation of Amateur Service communications to private land use restrictions. US Rep Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) introduced the bill on March 4 with 12 original co-sponsors from both sides of the aisle -- seven Republicans and five Democrats.

To find out how you can add your support to this bill, go to <http://www.arrl.org/hr-1301>.

Monthly Meetings, Etc.

Bob Allphin-K4UEE will speak to us about the K1N (Navassa) adventure. **Members are encouraged to invite other hams to ride along with them to hear all about this once in a generation DXpedition.** Bob is a great speaker and you won't want to miss his presentation. Other members of the K1N team (N4GRN, W6IZT) are scheduled to be present as well.

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Veep's Report

Vaden NN4K

Last Month's Meeting

Jeff Bridges K1ZM is the author of the ARRL publication, "DXing on the Edge – The Thrill of 160 Meters." He has 334 DXCC entities confirmed on 160 meters. He told us about his DXpedition activity at 7O6T, Yemen, and his work on 160 meters. Those present benefited from the antenna design information Jeff suggested for operating on 160 meters on a small lot. The presentation was appreciated and enjoyed by all the members present.

This Month's Meeting

Title: Navassa K1N—The Rest of the Story

Date: May 21st @ 7:30PM

Location: Rich Auditorium, Piedmont Hospital

For info: www.sedxc.org



Live and on stage!

Bob Allphin K4UEE, the K1N Co-Team leader on the DXpedition to Navassa Island, will give a presentation on the activation of Navassa Island. Bob is a member of the SEDXC as well as a past president and will be accompanied by other members of the K1N Team and also SEDXC members: George Nicholson W4GRN and Gregg Marco W6IZT. Their dedication to making the rarest of DXCC entities available for contacts and ATNOs for many of us is greatly appreciated.

The expenses for these expeditions are huge and even though our club contributes to them, any personal donations help offset the debt they incurred. It is not too late to donate. This meeting comes after the Dayton Hamvention. Bring a friend with you and let them hear about a rare DXpedition.

From the Pres (cont.)

VP Vaden McDonald–NN4K continues his fine work to secure speakers for future meetings. Your suggestions concerning potential speakers or other meeting related events are always welcome.

We need your door prize contribution for every meeting (no more Zip Drive cartridges!). If everyone brought something, everyone would leave with something. Surely we all have an item that could be used by another DXer.

Renew Your Membership Early!

Please plan now to renew your SEDXC membership **prior to the end** of this Fiscal 'year (June 30, 2015). As we have discussed, the amount of funds we have available throughout the year is based upon the beginning balance on day 1.

73 and Good DX!

Wey K8EAB ❖

Activities Chairman

The Georgia QSO Party has come and gone. I heard and worked lots of SEDXC club members during the GQP, and it would not be surprising to see a fair amount of them 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 May 15-17. Details are at <http://hamvention.org/>.

Of course, our club will be represented at the Atlanta Hamfest at Jim Miller Park on June 6th: <http://atlantahamfest.org/>
More details to come.

73,

John N4TOL ❖

Treasurer's Journal

Balance on hand (in checkbook) as of May 3rd 2015 is \$7610.78. We have received a few renewals for the new fiscal year starting July. Not yet renewed? Operators are standing by....

73,

Jeff K1ZN ❖

International DX Convention

The 66th Annual International DX Convention, held at the Convention Center in sunny and mild Visalia California, was an outstanding experience. Nineteen countries were represented at the event. This was my first experience at such a gathering, and meeting such notables as Bodo, DF8DX of TA0 – Islands on the Air fame, and our Krish, W4VKU of VU4KV fame was exciting. Of course, our own famous Bob K4UEE was there and made an outstanding presentation that was enthusiastically received!

Friday of the event was the day for either (or both) DXCC University and Contest University. I mostly attended DXCC University where we got to hear the tips on propagation, digital operations, gaining government access to unique locations (K4UEE), ClubLog, etc.

Saturday was devoted to hearing from representatives of EP6T, Tromelin (FT4TA), VU4KV, Krish, N7CW, Kuwait, 3GØZC, Juan F., VK9MT, Mellish, etc. There were two dinners Friday nite. I went to the IOTA dinner with Dan, W4DKF; you will really enjoy his presentation to our group next month!

Saturday night was the general convention dinner with the grand prize raffle drawing – a complete K3 line (K-3; KPA500, KAT500 and P3). I brought along an extra empty suitcase to carry it home. I also bought 3 extra books of tickets (10 per book) to ensure success. Little did I know that folks that had been at the event previously knew that it was NCDXF's major fundraiser, and bought several hundred tickets each. I did win an Elecraft prize – a tee shirt leaving plenty of room in the suitcase! But I did proudly wear my golf shirt with our SEDXC logo on it throughout the event!

73,

Jeff K1ZN ❖

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Veep's Report (cont.)

Future Programs

June: Dan Sullivan, W4DKS will give us a webcast: *Why IOTA: The Perfect Companion to DXCC*. Are you a little bored with DXCC because you have most of what's out there? Thinking of having a yard sale for your station because you're on the Honor Roll? Looking for a new challenge? Dan's talk will no doubt spark interest in many of us with that new challenge that is fun and very rewarding.

If you haven't attended a SEDXC meeting in a while, put it on your calendar. Come and enjoy some of these speakers/programs and help fill up Rich Auditorium to show appreciation of the work the speakers do for us.

The months ahead through this spring will produce some great DX opportunities. Another rare DX entity pending is the South Sandwich Island DXpedition. Keep your radios tuned and ready to pounce on some of these great opportunities.

See you in the pileups!

Vaden NN4K ❖

How's DX

With the storms, lower SFI and SSN, there is still DX to be worked. Even if not for an ATNO, we can work stations to give them points and pick up a new band/mode slot. For some, the new QSL cards a worthwhile memento for a good station, solid skills, and patience. There have been several openings to Southeast Asia on 20m in the morning where WU4B snagged 9V1LC for #299. It was confirmed the next day in LOTW.

www.dx-world.net has a nifty timeline showing the reported DXpeditions in a chart format. There are several really cool special event stations like R120RI. So, have some fun and try to work a new station even if it isn't an ATNO.

Lots of DXpedition activity on the boards this year ... we all need band-fills along with those ATNO's ... lots of info here ... <http://www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html>

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DXpedition Funding Requests



Date and duration of operation: 11 to 26 January 2016

Ranking on Most Wanted Survey: #9

Logistics and transportation costs: \$198,700

Number of operators and credentials: Leaders are Craig K9CT and Lou N2TU. Craig is a veteran of many of the "Most Wanted" DXpeditions. He co-led St. Maartin and Swains DXpeditions and operated from Conway Reef, Midway, Cocos Island, Wake Atoll and Amsterdam Island. Lou was a member of the Swains Team and led the Wake Atoll Commemoration. Craig and Lou have both just returned from the Navassa Island K1N DXpedition.

Other team members: Ralph K0IR, Bob K4UEE, John K6MM, Craig K9CT, Mike K9NW, Lou N2TU, Jim N9TK, Tom ND2T, Glen W0GJ, Dick W3OA, Hal W8HC, and Jerry WB9Z. All are well known in the DX community and are experienced veterans of many high profile DXpeditions.

Number of stations on the air: 5

Bands and modes: 160 to 6, all modes

Equipment: antennas, radios, amps, etc.: We anticipate using K3 transceivers and KPA 500 amps, higher power amplifiers on low bands. We are limited to vertical antennas and will use four SteppIR Verticals and SVDA verticals for 17 and 20. We will also have a BCS for 160m.

LoTW log submissions: We will upload to early donors right after the DXpedition. All others will be uploaded after OQRS have been fulfilled and then the remainder within six months.

Website with logos of club sponsors: <http://palmyra2016.org>

QSLs with logos of club sponsors will be included for those donating greater than \$500

On-line logs & pilot stations: We will upload to Club Log during the DXpedition. Pilot stations will be selected by November 2015.

Up front cost to each operator: \$10,000 plus travel to Honolulu

Support by NCDXF & other clubs: NCDXF \$20,000; INDXA \$2000