



Southeastern DX Club

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THE SOUTH'S PREMIER DX CLUB

July 2012

President's Report:

Hello SEDXC,

I wasn't expecting to be writing the presidents item for the bulletin, but here I am. And I look forward to a year of fun, good dx and smooth sailing. We'll sail right through HamJam, setting up presentations for area clubs, sponsoring DXpeditions and hosting forums at hamfests. The picnic is in the planning you'll see more about that later in the bulletin. We'll have a couple of requests for funding to bring to the meeting.

We have a committee set up to help with HamJam. We'll need additional help the closer it gets. We'll have tickets to sell, hosting the speakers, help the day of HamJam with traffic control and helping the physically-challenged get to the building. We could use a golf cart or two.

We'll have our first executive committee meeting before the July meeting. Just so you know, the executive committee is always up to something. Planning meetings, measuring value of DXpedition requests, figuring how to grow the club, and making sure we add value to your membership.

Thanks for the vote. Let me know what's on your mind.

Good DX

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Norm Schickler".

Norm, WA4ZXV

Vice President's Report:

We enjoyed the Lord Howe Island DXpedition presentation given at last month's meeting by Don Nesbitt - N4HH. Don is off on another DXpedition to Swains Island in about two months. Their call sign will be NH8S. Details are here (www.nh8s.org). There are several SEDXC members on this team.



I heard quite a few SEDXC members chasing the 13 Colonies Special Event. Hope you all got a "Clean Sweep" and the WM3PEN Bonus Station in your logs.

Our July program is titled "Navassa Island ? Really?" and will be presented by Chaz Cone - W4GKF.



Navassa Island is #2 on the DXCC Most Wanted List and has been for some time. While everyone wants to go there now, Chaz will show how it was on the KC4DX DXpedition in 1972. Yep, forty years and two months ago. And yes, they had photography back then.

The annual SEDXC Picnic will be held on August 4th at the Lake Lanier house of Ken and Trish Byers. Details are here (www.sedxc.org/picnic12.htm)

I am working on future monthly programs and speakers. In September, Gregg Marco - W6IZT will give a presentation on "Mini - DXpeditioning". If you have a suggestion for a meeting speaker, please send it to my QRZ.COM eMail address (k8eab@arri.net).

HamJam is scheduled for Nov 10, 2012 , and will be located at the Georgia Gwinnett College in Lawrenceville. The SEDXC HamJam committee members are Norm - WA4ZXV, Wey - K8EAB, Mike - ND4V, Bill - N4NX, and Neil - N4FN. They are joined by Wes - W3WL and three or four additional members of NFARL to complete the team.

Wes has agreed to lead the team. Please contact them with your ideas and suggestions for speakers this year. Part of the proceeds help fund scholarships for our community's deserving youth, so be sure to buy your tickets early this year.

73, Wey - K8EAB ...

Treasurers Report:

SEDXC Financial position as of June 30, 2012

The balance on hand in the operating account at the end of June was \$5829.11.

Beginning balance \$5,158.07
Activity last month (June):

Receipts – Refund SW Ohio DX	420.00
Receipts – Raffle	92.00
Receipts – Membership	379.00

Disbursements were as follows:

Door prize purchases	19.96
1A0C Dxpediton	200.00

Ending Balance 6/30/2012	\$5,829.11
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We are off to a great start. Thanks for responding positively to Chaz's Fourth of July dues reminder. Payments have been pouring in; Many thanks!!

I have \$500 on hand in un-deposited checks and Chaz is holding approximately \$1,900 in the PayPal account which he will transfer to the Club account when the dust settles.

We have several DXpeditions requesting funding – to be voted on at the July meeting. Hope to see you there.

73 es dx
Mike, ND4V

There are no reports from Secretary or Activities manager this month.

We have a request for funding this month for an expedition to the Comoros Islands, D64K.

See the application on the last page of the bulletin.

For those of you who may not be familiar with all of our new club officers here are the pictures of each.



President: Norm Schklar, WA4ZXV



Vice President: Wey Walker K8EAB



Secretary: Charles Pennington K4GK



Treasurer: Mike Weathers ND4V



Activities Manager: Ian Kahn KM4IK

Here you have our new officers for 2012-2013.

Reflections on the Dayton Hamvention 2012 By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU.

My Dayton experience started at 3:45 am Thursday morning. That's when I had to get up so that I could make it to the Fairborn Holiday Inn in time for the first session of this year's Four Days in May (FDIM) conference. FDIM is a one-day conference put on by the QRP Amateur Radio Club International (<http://qrparci.org/>) and is a great way to start the "Dayton experience."

This year, we were treated to six very fine presentations. They included talks on using microcontrollers for various projects, software-defined radio, VHF and UHF for QRPers, homebrewing with "hollow state" devices (more commonly known as tubes), using open-source electronic design tools, and operating pedestrian mobile. The two talks that I enjoyed the most were "Hollow State (Thermatron) Homebrewing" by Grayson, TA2ZGE/KJ7UM and "Leveraging Free and Open Source Tools in Homebrewing" by Jason, NT7S.

Friday morning, I got up early again, so that I could make the 7:30am bus to the Hamvention. We arrived about 8:00 am, just as the gates were opening. The first thing that I did was to head to the FAR Circuits tent, which is—as the name implies—at the far end of the flea market. There, I made my first purchases, a board to make a regenerative receiver and one to make an audio breakout box.

The rest of the day was a combination of wandering the aisles of the outdoor flea market, fighting the crowds inside the arena, attending seminars, and meeting people that I know. By the time, 4:30 pm rolled around, I was pretty hot and tired. Temperatures topped 80 degrees, and on the blacktop surface of the flea market, temperatures were undoubtedly higher. I was happy to get on the bus and head back to the hotel.

Saturday, was pretty much the same story, except it was even hotter. The temperature almost hit 90 degrees. I didn't bring any sunscreen, either, so I got a little rosy.

I ran into some people that I knew that had just come down for the day, or perhaps that I'd missed the day before. One guy I ran into at the Ohio Repeater Council booth, pulled out his new Elecraft KX-3 and gave me a quick demo. It's actually quite a cool, little radio. I'm still saving up for a K-3, though.

Around noon, I went to the food court for a slice of pizza and a glass of beer. Seating is catch as catch can, so I shared a table with several other hams. This is great because you get to meet all kinds of different people.

This year, an older gentleman sat down next to me with his beer. We got to chatting, and as it turned out, this was his 55th straight year attending the Dayton Hamvention! He started going before it was even held at Hara Arena, and even after they moved to Hara, they didn't use the entire facility as they do now. I'm really glad that I got to speak with him.

So, what did you buy?

I didn't really go down to Dayton with much of a shopping list. In addition to the PC boards, I did pick up a bunch of other little stuff including some strain reliefs, more clamp-on ferrite cores, a paddle pad from Vibroplex (\$1) to keep the paddle down at the club station from sliding around, and some tube sockets! One of the vendors there had a box of tube sockets that they were selling for a quarter apiece or five for a dollar. I picked out five and paid the lady, and as I was walking away, I decided that they were such a good deal that I went back and bought five more.

My biggest purchase was NT7S's OpenBeacon QRSS transmitter (www.etherkit.com). It cost me \$40. It looks like a very nice kit, and I'm hoping to be on 30m QRSS shortly with it. The nice thing about this transmitter is that it has a microcontroller that lets it transmit DFCW and Hellschreiber, in addition to CW. It should be fun to both build and operate.

Too rich for my blood

In other news, both Kenwood and FlexRadio both introduced new radios at Dayton. Perhaps the most buzz was around the Kenwood TS-990. All they were showing was a prototype under a Plexiglass cover. In addition to being incredibly expensive, the radio is huge! I heard someone joke that to produce this radio, Kenwood is going to have to corner the market on buttons and knobs. If you've seen the photo in QST (which was allegedly produced with Photoshop), you'll know what I mean.

The other radio with a bit of buzz is the new FlexRadio FLEX-6000. For the past couple of weeks, the FlexRadio website was proclaiming that this radio was going to be a game changer. Perhaps it is, but at \$6,000+, this radio is out of my league, and too expensive for the majority of radio amateurs. That being the case, I really don't know what all the buzz is about.

I'm sure that the TS-990 and the FLEX-6000 are both great radios, but I think that the law of diminishing returns applies here. At some point, are you really getting \$6,000 or \$12,000 of fun out of the radio? I don't think that I would.

Well, that's it. Another Dayton Hamvention is in the bag. It was a lot of fun, and I'm already looking forward to next year. I've already contacted one of the forum organizers about adding an adult education forum. I think that's something that's both needed and would be popular. I'll just have to make sure to leave enough time to hit the flea market and grab some more tube sockets or coax or whatever.

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Simplex 147.54

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

SEDXC WEBPAGE

www.sedxc.org

SEDXC REFLECTOR sedxc@contesting.com

Entity Name / Call Sign	Comoros Island / D64K
Web page	www.d64k.com
Team leader / number of members:	Iw3sqy Fabri / 7 person
Approx. Date and duration of Dxpediton	From 8 to 20 August
QSL manager / QSL route	IV3DSH via Bureau, via Lotw and direct .
Budget estimated for Dxpediton	26000€ Total
Position on most wanted list:	
Landing permit/operating permission approved.	All licenses are in our hands
Last time this entity was activated	Last important activation in 2001 from D68C
Typical interval between activations	
Anyone planning to activate this entity before your DXpedition	No
Objective / Strategy	Give the new one as many amateurs as possible. New operations on 6m terrestrial and EME .
Callsign/Age of youngest Team member	IW3SQY / 34 years
SEDXC member initiating request	
SEDXC member(s) participating	
Funding amount requested	
Send Funds to:	Via Paypal to : support@d64k.com
SEDXC logo on QSL cards?	Yes, if request
SEDXC logo on web page?	Yes, if request
Additional comments:	