



Bulletin



July 2016

From the Pres

Mike ND4V

As I start my term as president, the first thing I need to do is thank the officers and appointed members who just completed their terms. Great work guys; you left us in great (best ever) shape financially and it will be a challenge to keep up with the kinds of programs you got us accustomed to. I'll try to remain calm and carry on in your tradition.

The **summer picnic will be delayed this year**. Our gracious hosts Ken and Trish are travelling this summer so July or August won't work for them. If you are willing to host the picnic at your place, please let me know. But, I am thinking we wait until it cools off a bit and find a nice park.

Darn you, Bill Strickland, K4DX! If you hadn't done that Athens Radio Club program on Spratly back in 1982 with pictures of Stu Woodward sitting on the back of the boat amidst the 55 gallon drums of fuel and dodging bullets from chase boats, I never would have gotten caught up in this DXing. I would have been happy passing traffic and rag chewing ... but NO.... now I am up all hours of the day and night chasing Scaffold Reef or some other obscure island. Thanks!

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Veep's Report

Chuck AE4CW

Last Month's Meeting

Charlie Wooten, NF4A and Paul Newberry, N4PN presented the June 2016 program. Charlie and Paul gave a very informative review of their March 2016 travels to Croatia and their interaction with the hams of the 9A1A contesting team. The personal stories of their hosts' hospitality and learning about the culture of the Croatian people were a real treat. Thank you Charlie and Paul!

This Month's Meeting

Date/Time: Thursday July 21st @ 7:30 PM

Location: Rich Auditorium, Piedmont Hospital
Details at www.sedxc.org

Title: DXing Without Sunspots
Speaker: John Kludt, K4SQC



As amateur radio operators we work distant stations by bouncing our radio signals off of something. Usually that "something" is the ionosphere. The development of the familiar reflective layers is dependent to a large extent on sunspots that are becoming increasingly rare. There is another entity out there that has the capability of reflecting radio waves. At an average distance of 237,674 miles, the Moon can be used as an effective means to work DX entities in much of the world. The

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From the Pres (cont.)

Double darn you Bob, K4UEE. If you hadn't organized those trips to T15 and PJ2, I wouldn't have gotten the itch to be on the other end of the pile up. The ARRL International Phone Contest 2017 is our SEDXC's chance to win it all again! The twelve slots filled up in three days. Stay tuned to the reflector; there may be a dropout or two that need to be replaced.

SEDXC has meant a lot to me. When I joined SEDXC, I had 100 countries confirmed on 10 meters and a sprinkling on 15 and 20. The comradery, advice, competition, and encouragement from the club members helped me to work my way down the bands and put a star by all but 160 meters. LOTW and the convenience of having Bill, N4NX a DXCC card checker at most meetings certainly helped me check them off.

The outgoing bureau service, the DXpedition stories, the trips, the operating tips, but *mainly the friendships* ... these are just some the things that make SEDXC special. I hope you find something here too that will keep you involved and coming to the meetings.

73, and good DX!

Mike ND4V ❖

Activities Chairman

I look forward to serving the SEDXC family in the coming year as your Activities Manager. If you have any thoughts or ideas for new or renewed club activities please contact me.

Here is what's coming up:

- Summer picnic: Our traditional summer picnic is postponed this year. Stay tuned for a possible picnic in the park in early fall!
- Huntsville HamFest: We encourage all members to visit this grand two day HamFest, August 20 - 21. www.hamfest.org/
- W4DXCC Convention: September 23 - 24. <http://www.w4dxcc.com/>

73,

Daryl K4RGK ❖

Treasurer's Journal

Balance on Hand as of 7/1/16: \$10,301.

On p. 4 is the proposed Budget for the new fiscal year. The membership will vote on accepting this proposal at the July meeting. Please contact me before the meeting at k1zn@att.net to answer any questions you may have.

73,

Jeff K1ZN ❖

Sunspots—Or Lack Thereof

This was published in a recent blogpost on www.soldersmoke.com.

"Chris Trask N7ZWY posted a very interesting sunspot graph on G-QRP:

<http://www.home.earthlink.net/~christrask/Solar%20Activity%201600-2100.pdf> (Note: the chart is too big to fit into the Bulletin).

The relationship to the orbits of the outer planets is especially intriguing."

There's still DX to be worked and will probably be on 160/80/40m instead of the 'triband beam' bands.

Clark WU4B ❖

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Veep's Report (cont.)

advent of JT65, written by Joe Tayler, K1JT, has revolutionized EME communications. We will discuss some of the basics of EME communications from the perspective of a "medium sized pistol" as we all look for ways to work "DX without sunspots."

Our speaker, John Kludt, K4SQC, was first licensed in 1962 as KN7SYS in Seattle, WA. Over the years he has been active in many aspects of amateur radio including VHF/UHF, DX chasing, rag chewing, satellites and contesting as a "little pistol." He regularly takes to the field with the Fourlanders Contest Group. John has been active with EME for the last three years successfully using JT65B to complete a number of contacts, most recently HSØZIL, Karsten, in Khon Kaen, Thailand.

August 2016 Program Preview

A double header: "A Live Demo of Remote Operation Using Flex Maestros" and "The GQP Two-Station Flex Rover Operation" presented by Mack McCormick, W4AX and Mike Roden, W5JR.

September 2016 Program Preview

Bob Schmieder, KK6EK – Expedition Organizer and Leader, will present "The VKØEK Heard Island DXpedition".

As your new 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!

Chuck AE4CW❖

SEDXC Proposed Budget for 2016 – 2017

Operating Expenses	
Presenter Certificates & Plaques	\$150
Sponsoring Beacons / ClubLog	\$300
Sponsor of 160M and GQP Contest Plaque	\$55
Donation to IOTA / ClubLog / VE7CC	\$400
Insurance	\$200
Holiday Party	\$750
Past Holiday Amortization (July – December 2016)	\$1000
Picnic 2016	\$200
Hamfest Tables	\$100
Raffle prizes	\$150
Misc. supplies	\$100
Total Operating Expenses	\$2685
Bank Balance 7/1/2016	\$10301
Available for DXpeditions @ 50% of Balance	\$5150

If you have any questions, please contact k1zn@att.net.