



Bulletin



July 2017

From the Pres

Mike ND4V

Finally, some DX news! Congratulations to the Dateline DX Association for being selected to mount a DXpedition to Baker Island. Baker Howland is currently number 4 on Clublog's most wanted list. Don Greenbaum, N1DG; Tom Harrell, N4XP, and Kevin Rowett, K6TD are co-leaders for the dpxpedition. Tom, N4XP is one of our own SEDXC members and as well as an experienced DXpedition leader. We look forward to their announcement of the dates and further details of the trip.

I hope you have had time to think about who you want to lead the club in the coming year. We'll be accepting nominations at this meeting and voting. (Might not be a good time to miss a meeting, if you know what I mean.)

Good programs are the key driver of meeting attendance and member retention. Most of you guys attend a general (as opposed to specialty) ham club meeting. If you see a program that you think would interest our members, please get the contact information and let us follow up. Likewise, if you think of a speaker who would be good for a "remote" presentation via Skype, sound off!

continued on page 2

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- 1 From the Pres
- 1 Veep's Report
- 2 Activities Chairman Report
- 3 Treasurer's Journal
- 4 DXpedition Funding Request
- 5 Recommendation Letter for WB9Z

Veep's Report

Chuck AE4CW

Last Month's Meeting

Thanks to Bill Morton, W4ASE for briefing us on what it takes to operate our stations remotely and including a live demonstration of his station near lake Lanier. Given the variety of methods available to us today, improvements in technology, and increasing ease of use, remote operation is a sure bet for many of us in the near future.

This Month's Meeting

Date/Time: **Thursday July 20th** @ 7:30 PM
Location: Rich Auditorium, Piedmont Hospital
Details at www.sedxc.org

Program Title: **"A Tour Through Commonly Asked Antenna & Transmission Line Questions, Misunderstandings, & Myths"**
Speaker: **Hal Kennedy, N4GG**



Hal, N4GG's emphasis will be on where antenna gain actually comes from, what's important (and isn't) about SWR with respect to on-the-air performance, and why choosing the best transmission line for a given antenna system is often not the "obvious" choice. The talk will wind up with tips and techniques for building wire antennas that work well and stay up. Some of Hal's wire antennas have the gain of a 4 element Yagi and despite swaying trees and ice storms have been up for over 15 years without maintenance. You can have a

continued on page 3

continued from page 1

From the Pres (cont.)

As of this writing, database dude, Chaz W4GKF reports 67 of our 2016-17 members have not renewed their dues. This is in addition to the handful that kindly told us not to bug them anymore! It isn't too late to renew. Click on the [dues.www.sedxc.org](http://www.sedxc.org) link here and do it now!

Jeff, K1ZN reported our treasury balance at year-end will give us about \$6,500 to use for DXpedition support. Hopefully there will be some exciting applications coming down the pike. Speaking of our fearless treasurer, we should be getting a report from Friedrichshafen where the SEDXC banner will be in evidence for what might be the first time.

I just spent a couple of days on Hilton Head Island and enjoyed using W4KLY, Paul's KX3 and an end-fed wire thrown over some trees. Running QRP in the IARU contest, we worked almost everyone we heard. What a hoot! As Bob, K4UEE has been heard to say, "It's magic!"

See you in a few days at Panera!

73 es gud DX,

Mike ND4V ❖

Activities Chairman

This space intentionally left blank

Don't miss the [Huntsville HamFest](#) on August 19th & 20th. The SEDXC is not planning to have a table but many of our members are expected to be in attendance.

This is one of the best and largest Hamfests in our area, so it's a great opportunity to meet other DXers, enjoy some interesting forums, peruse the large indoor boneyard and generally have a great time. See you there!

73,

Daryl K4RGK ❖

SEDXC OFFICERS

President: Mike Weathers
nd4v@comcast.net

Vice President: Chuck Catledge
ae4cw@att.net

Secretary: Paul Kelley
w4kly@bellsouth.net

Treasurer: Jeffrey Cantor, K1ZN
jacantor9@Gmail.com

Activities: Daryl Young, K4RGK
k4rgk@arrl.net

Appointed Positions

SEDXC Bulletin Editor: Clark Macaulay, WU4B
clark.macaulay@gmail.com

Membership Committee Chairman
Bill Barr, N4NX
n4nx@arrl.net

Webmaster: Chaz cone, W4GKF
w4gkf@chazcone.com

Club Communications

SEDXC Webpage: www.sedxc.org

SEDXC Chat Room: details on webpage

SEDXC Reflector: details on webpage

SEDXC Bulletin is published monthly by the Southeastern DX Club. All opinions expressed by the contributors do not necessarily reflect those of the editor, officers, or club. All rights reserved. ❖

Veep's Report (cont.)

big signal from a modest wire antenna farm if you understand the fundamentals!

Hal was first licensed in 1961 and 56 years later he is still chasing DX, contesting and experimenting with antenna designs and new operating modes. Ham radio runs in the family. His dad was on spark back in the early days (pre-1920s) - his call sign was 2NJ. Hal built a replica 1/2 KW 1910 rotary spark transmitter in 2010 - a real noise maker.

Hal has a BSEE and an MBA and has spent 30 years in the aerospace and defense industry doing everything from receiver design to forming technology-based start-up companies.

He has been on the DXCC honor roll since the 1970s and been contesting and DXing from "the other side of the pile up" including trips to PJ2, PJ4, TI, HP, PJ6 and VP2M.

Hal enjoys writing and is a contributor to QST, NCJ, The ARRL Handbook, the ARRL Antenna Book and the ARRL Wire Antenna Compendiums. He has had two towers fall down along with innumerable wire antennas snap, break and burn up, making him an "expert of sorts" in what *not* to do.

73 es gud DX,

Chuck AE4CW❖

Treasurer's Journal

June 30, 2017 Balance = \$13,042.

73,

Jeff K1ZN❖

DXpedition Funding Requests

None at this time -- *Editor*