



Bulletin



July 2024

Founded In 1958

Our Next Meeting & Speaker

Date & Time: July 18, 2024 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom meeting

Speaker: Dr. Michael Carper, WA9PIE

Topic: The Amateur Radio Suite that you never knew you needed.

Support Youth Participation on DXpeditions and Remember Bob K4UEE

SEDXC has partnered with the International DX Association ([INDEXA](#)) to remember [Bob Alphin, K4UEE](#). Bob wished to promote and support youth in DXing & DXpeditioning. To those ends, INDEXA has made this a goal and SEDXC has partnered with INDEXA through a one-year match of our members' contributions to INDEXA in memory of K4UEE and acknowledgement of his goal.

On July 1st 2025, INDEXA will inform us of the total amount of SEDXC member contributions to the K4UEE fund. In this coming program year's SEDXC budget, we will set a match figure for what we can match up to. If you wish to participate, here is what to do:

Go to: [INDEXA Application](#)

Click the "Donate" checkbox.

Complete the basics, name, address, call, etc.

Under REMARKS, indicate that you are (1) a member of the Southeastern DX Club, & (2) you wish your donation to go to the K4UEE Memorial Fund

Click SUBMIT FORM

Any questions? Click [HERE](#) to email me.

Thank you very much, 73 & GUD DX, Jeff / K1ZN, Treasurer



From the Prez

(de John Tramontanis, N4TOL)

Officers are now in place for new club year, July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025.

The following slate of officers were accepted for the coming year, and have graciously agreed to serve:

President - John Tramontanis, N4TOL

Vice President - Nathan Wood, K4NHW

Treasurer - Jeff Cantor, K1ZN

Secretary - Joel Levine, WA4HNL

Activities Manager - Don Deal, KK4E

Synopsis of 2023-2024 year end.

The past year certainly seemed to have gone by fast since I was approached by Jim Altman, W4UCK, and the nominating committee to serve as club president. It was an honor to be considered and then to serve. Initially, it was a challenge to adapt to the position as there was much "learn as you go" in the process. However, having a strong team of officers to work with, along with the support of many experienced members, helped to smooth the transition. My thanks to all for their support.

As a result of the great effort by the folks on the executive team, the club made great strides this past year, and is positioned for further progress in the future. I ask that you pass along your appreciation to these folks for their effort.

Some highlights achieved for the club by the executive team in the past year:

Club activities - after a hiatus from face to face meetings, the club celebrated the holiday season in December with a well attended dinner at the "Loyal Q" restaurant in Alpharetta. Our **Activities Manager, Verne W8BLA**, did a wonderful job spearheading this event!

Hamfests - the club supported local hamfests, and with our club table maintained a presence at these events to promote DXing and the SEDXC. The club table also provided a location for club members to gather and socialize. Our thanks to **Neil, N4FN**, for being our table captain and the ambassador of the club at these gatherings.

DX Marathon - the SEDXC finished with the top score among all North American clubs in the 2023 CQ DX Marathon! Credit to all the club members that participated and submitted scores, and also to our club captain, **Andy AA5JF**, for directing the effort.

Meeting programs - our monthly Zoom meetings were exceptional, and featured a variety of presentations from some of the world's most prominent DXers, to even World Series Champion baseball players! Credit to **Nathan, K4NHW**, for his effort and creativity for putting these programs together.

Fiscal activity - the club again was able to provide support for various DXpeditions with funding in an active year. Additionally, the process of establishing the SEDXC as a 501(c)(3) corporation is almost complete, making the club eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions. Many thanks to **Jeff, K1ZN**, for coordinating the DXpedition funding process and leading the club in a prudent fiscal direction.

Monthly Club Bulletins - as you are reading this, I hope you all appreciate the content that is managed, formatted and distributed on a timely basis by our bulletin editor, **Van, N4VGE**. Van does a great job of "herding the cats" to get these articles and features submitted on time and turning it all around to produce this monthly publication.

Documenting club processes and activity - our club Secretary, **Joel, WA4HNL**, has reliably provided consistent documentation for our club records and archives. Of course, this documentation is required by our club by-laws and , also, to maintain our status as a charitable organization.

SEDXC website - our website is an essential tool in promoting our club, conveying information about current club activities, and providing a convenient means for membership renewals. **Chaz, W4GKF**, and now, along with **Jason, KV4TE** are maintaining this tool that is part of the lifeblood of the club.

Ham Radio Tips and Tales - we are very thankful for **Hal, N4GG's**, monthly column "Around the Shack", that appears in the club bulletin. Hal's articles provide practical explanations and solutions to issues in the amateur radio shack, as well as entertaining anecdotes relating to ham radio topics.

Our club is greatly appreciative of the efforts and accomplishments of all those above. as well as the members who supported them in their efforts.

ARRL and LOTW.

On July 1st, LOTW returned to service. As I write this on July 5th, it appears that the data has been preserved, and the initial flood of log submissions after the gate first opened has subsided. The activity is now at a more reasonable level.

Below are portions of screenshots showing the **LOTW Status Queue** showing activity and status on 2024-07-03 to 2024-07-05. Over those 2 days, the program seemed to be catching up with the initial flood of submissions, or perhaps, fewer submissions were being made, or perhaps both.

Hopefully, the application will continue to run properly and we can all enjoy and utilize this important tool again going forward.

Status Epoch (UTC)	Queue Size			Currently Processing Log Uploaded (UTC)
	Logs	QSOs	Bytes	
2024-07-05 14:59:01	96	2,374	3,505,975	2024-07-05 14:57:12 (0d 00h 01m 49s ago)
2024-07-05 13:59:01	438	42,372	20,321,241	2024-07-05 13:50:25 (0d 00h 08m 36s ago)
2024-07-05 12:59:01	51	1,614	3,053,093	2024-07-05 12:58:01 (0d 00h 01m 00s ago)
2024-07-03 23:59:04	51,809	5,357,621	2,336,847,023	2024-07-03 03:06:44 (0d 20h 52m 20s ago)
2024-07-03 22:59:05	52,006	5,563,533	2,426,230,437	2024-07-03 01:55:15 (0d 21h 03m 50s ago)

As we move forward into the new year, please do not hesitate to contact me, or any other club officer, with any ideas that may help to grow the SEDXC and/or enhance the club experience for our members.

July Zoom meeting, on Thursday, July 18th at 7:00 PM.

I look forward to seeing you all then. Here is the link for joining the Zoom event:

<https://www.sedxc.org/sedxc/zoom/index.htm>

73 John N4TOL



[SEDXC Elmers Link](#)

VP's Corner de K4NHW



(de Nathan Wood, K4NHW)

Wow! What a month. 13 Colonies SES has come and gone and now American Samoa is on the air with Jarvis on the horizon. All exciting stuff. It might be time to do some antenna work.... Just in case!

I'd like to take this chance to say that it is a privilege to be able to serve this club as VP for an additional year. This has been a fun and challenging task that I have thoroughly enjoyed. It's also given me a chance to get to know members of the club that I otherwise would hold as acquaintances. Thank you again for this opportunity. We hope to improve on the work that we started last year. If you have any ideas or topics that you would like to hear covered, please let me know!

Presentations



Dr. Michael Carper, WA9PIE - The Amateur Radio Suite that you never knew you needed.

Mike lives in Celina (Texas) with his wife (Tammy). He has three outstanding kids (Lindy, 36; Chris, 33; and Annie, 25) and five wonderful grand-daughters. He has attended Purdue University (BS), Ball State University (MS), and Indiana State University (PhD.). He is a former professional rock musician and his hobbies include playing guitar, amateur radio (WA9PIE), and traveling. He is a partner in a software company that makes the world's most popular software title for amateur radio - Ham Radio Deluxe.

Presentation –For this months club meeting, the zoom credentials can be found at the top of the front page of sedxc.com.

Nathan, K4NHW



May Humor

De Neil Foster – N4FN

The perfect desk for contesters 😊



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Treasurer's Journal *(de Jeff Cantor, K1ZN)*

Greetings, Fellow DXers!

TREASURER's Report – July 2024

Checkbook Balance on July 1st: \$14,605.25

- Donation received from N4EWT, Newt White of \$100. This was to our general fund in addition to his dues renewal.
- Payments Made, month of June 2024:
 - o Donation to FT4GL Glorious DXPedition - \$750.

Attached to the Bulletin is the recommended 2024-2025 Operating Budget for SEDXC.

Please note:

- o We will have \$7,302.63 allocated for DXPedition donations this year based on a end-of-year checkbook balance of \$14,605.25. Our Constitution provides that we can allocate up to 50% of our annual end-of-year balance to program year donations.
- o We have increased our gifts to ClubLog & NCDXF to the general fund for R&D Projects.
- o We have set aside some funding to initiate our not-for-profit organizational status which should be a one-time expense.
- o We have recommended an amount for SEDXC organizational matching to individual SEDXC member donations to the International DX Foundation (INDEXA) to support “young DXer” participation in DXPeditions. In June of 2025 INDEXA will inform us of the gross amount of such donations. At that time SEDXC leadership will announce a Club donation amount up to this limit.

73s & GUD DX,

Jeff / K1ZN, Treasurer

Around The Shack (*de Hal Kennedy N4GG*)



By Hal Kennedy N4GG – July 2024

Facebook – A Ham Radio Resource

No Kidding

Yes, Facebook. The topic of Facebook comes up occasionally in my conversations with hams. While I'm not evangelical, I'm also not bashful about mentioning how Facebook has become a valuable resource for ham-related information. I encourage people to check it out.

There are *a lot* of hams active on Facebook. There are also many who are not, for a variety of reasons. Reasons I've heard include:

- I don't have the time.
- Isn't that for a younger crowd?
- I don't use social media.
- I tried it years ago, it's not for me.
- It's a security risk.
- It's probably difficult to learn.
- I'll be opening myself up to ridicule and trash-talk.
- Etc. Add your reason here.

The majority of concerns are unfounded. If you tried Facebook years ago and moved on; things have changed while you were away. Facebook has matured. It *was* where kids went to share gossip. That's over. Kids still do that, but they've moved from Facebook to other social media platforms. Kids eschew Facebook. "That's for my parents."

There are two areas where Facebook provides useful ham-related information. The first is via interaction with companies and organizations. The second is via the dialog found in “groups.”

Most ham-related companies and organizations have a presence on Facebook. Some no longer have a presence anywhere else. Hosting and maintaining a website is expensive; many small companies (not just ham radio companies) have shuttered their websites and reach their customers via Facebook. A company can post any information it wants there for free and in real time. As with personal posting, company postings are open to comment. Useful dialog occurs between users of the products and the company, and between one user and another. Facebook is a two-way medium.

Here are a few of the companies/organizations I pay close attention to, with the number of followers each has in parenthesis. Begali Keys (2,700), Vibroplex (2,700), Yaesu (33,000), Ham Radio Outlet (20,000), the Grand Tour (195,000), GM (833,000), and the ARRL (98,000). The number of followers understates the amount of readership these organizations have. More people read the mail than “follow.”

The second area where Facebook provides a wealth of information is in “groups.” A group is simply a subject-specific place where participants can read the mail and join the conversation if they wish. Anyone can start a group. Once started, others can join (or un-join) with a mouse click. A group can be followed without joining – in fact without even signing up for Facebook (more on that below).

Here is a list of the groups I'm in, in no particular order:

- Old Tube Radios Group
- Begali Keys
- Amateur Radio Expeditions
- Ftdx10
- Silver Comet Amateur Radio Society
- Amateur Radio Meteor Scatter
- 1500 Watts and a Wire

- ARRL Field Day
- Yaesu Ftdx101D/MP & Ftdx10 Users Group
- Parks On the Air
- Vintage Amateur Radio Equipment (boat anchors)
- Potomac Valley Radio Club (PVRC) – Amateur Radio Contesting
- CWOPS
- NFARL
- Begali Morse keys group
- 3830 Contest Scores
- Vintage Tube Radios
- The Heathkit Radio Club
- CW Bugs, Keys and Paddles
- Wire Antennas for Amateur Radio
- Friendly Amateur Radio Elmers
- Making Amplifiers for Amateur Radio
- FT8 Digital Mode Club
- Baluns, Ununs, Tuners and Filters
- Vintage Amateur Radio Stations
- Antique Radios, Restoration, Love and Repair
- Crystal Radio DX Group
- Ham Radio Information (News, Contesting, Dxing, Equipment...)
- Amplifier Building and Home Brewing
- FISTS CW Club
- Ham Radio for Sale and Swap (Discussion)
- Raingutter Ham Radio Antennas
- Old Tube Radios Group
- DX News
- K9AY Telegraph
- Stealth Amateur Radio
- Team WX3B
- The Real Bakelite and Antique Radio Page
- The Spurious Emissions Band
- Random longwire antennas for ham radio
- Amateur Radio longwave DXing
- Heathkit Owners Group
- INDXA
- Real End Fed Half Wave Antennas

- Old and Vintage Radios
- SolderSmoke
- Amateur Radio Newslines
- Vacuum Tubes/Valves
- Heathkit Products
- Radio Telegraph Operators
- Straight Key Century Club

Well that's a surprise. I had no idea the list would be this long. This list of groups reflects my ham radio interests. You can tell I'm into CW and nostalgia. Meanwhile, there are lots and lots of ham-related groups I've not joined. Examples include the groups for APRS, EMCOMM, various nets, various clubs, UHF/SHF, etc. Also, I pay attention to - but haven't joined - a few groups that are not ham-related. Two of those are the James Web Space Telescope group and the Hubble Telescope group.

My list of followed groups might seem daunting and time consuming. It's not. I average about 20 minutes a day on Facebook, mostly at night when my energy level is in decline. Some groups are active, others less so. I don't keep up with any of the groups I'm in. I don't read every post. I drop in when I feel like it.

My favorite groups include those discussing antennas, Heathkits, vintage gear and the Elmers group. I enjoy answering beginners' questions posted to the "Friendly Amateur Radio Elmering" group. There are lots of beginner questions there and lots of us who enjoy answering them. I've explained SWR at least a dozen times – that's okay. Besides being fun, making the hobby accessible and understandable *is required* to bring in newcomers. Where do potential new hams hang out? On internet sites like Facebook.

I was first licensed in 1961, hence my nostalgia interest. Photos of two-tone gray and two-tone green Heathkit gear make me smile. I built a lot of those kits over the years. I built some EICO and some E.F. Johnson kits too. Two years ago I refurbished a DX-20, a DX-40 and a pair of VF-1s. My interest was renewed by Facebook.

Here are my thoughts on peoples' concerns. First, it's free and it's easy to create an account. There is no appreciable learning curve. I will ask you to take my word for that, but please know, also, that there are 3.1 billion Facebook accounts. That's 40% of the world's population. How hard can it be?

I have no security concerns. None. To open an account you create a login ID and password, create a screen name, and supply an email address. That's it. There is optional information you can enter, but don't enter it if you have concerns. Nobody can “find out your information” if you don't supply any. Facebook does not send mail to your personal email account – none. You can prevent others from seeing your email address by setting it to “private.”

With the exception of what the companies and organizations post, you should run what you see on Facebook through your “internet filter.” I have not seen wrong information intentionally posted to the ham-related groups, but I have seen occasional misinformation. Gray-area questions such as “is a quad better than a Yagi” will bring opinions, but that's no different than at a club meeting or a hamfest.

Try Facebook without creating an account. Go to www.facebook.com and look around. See if it's for you.

73,

Hal N4GG



Greetings from the Editor. Check SEDXC's website to see the latest club information. www.sedxc.org.

Room is still available for the Vanuatu Dxpedition for the CQ WW SSB Contest in October 2024. See more information at my the YJ0VV QRZ page.

<https://www.qrz.com/db/YJ0VV>

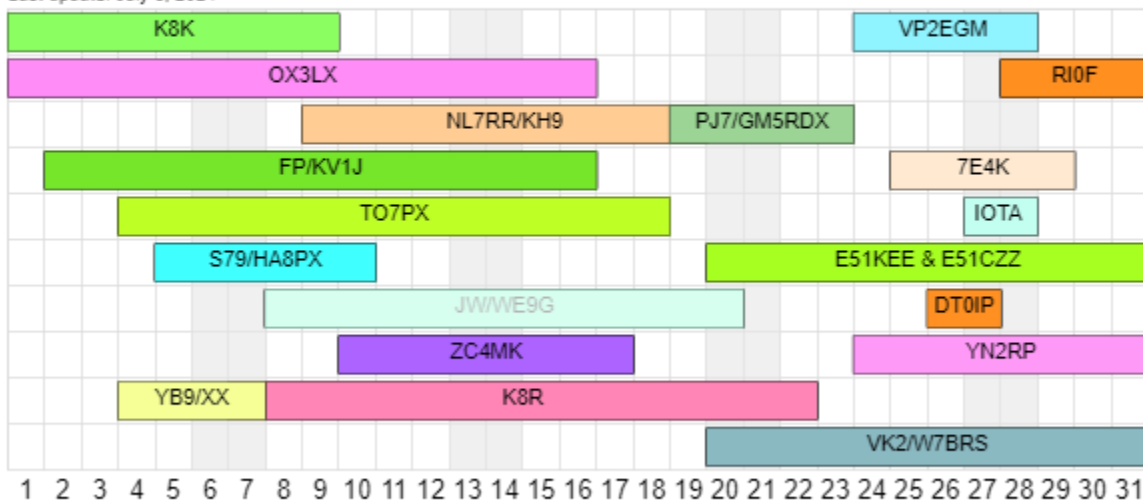
See link below for the SEDXC Bulletin from 25 years ago.

<https://sedxc.org/sedxc/bulletins/sedxc0799.pdf>

The DX World Calendar/Timeline for July 2024


FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

Last update: July 8, 2024



Edited by MM0NDX

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 IK8LOV Max Laconca

The *DX World* Calendar features a timeline of all DXpeditions anticipated for the current month and is a great way to plan your chase for the next, All-Time New One (ATNO). The Calendar is updated regularly; use this link to see the latest version:

https://www.hamradiotimeline.com/timeline/dxw_timeline_1_1.php

SEDXC Officers & Positions

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Jeff Cantor, K1ZN – Treasurer -- jacantor9@gmail.com

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Van Herridge, N4VGE – *SEDXC Bulletin* Editor – vanherridge@gmail.com

Southeastern DX Club
PROPOSED Annual Budget
2024 – 2025

Checkbook balance on June 30, 2024 is \$14,605.25

1. DXPedition Grants	\$7,302.63
2. Holiday Party	\$600
3. Hamfests.....	\$150
4. Speaker / Program / New Member Books.....	\$300
5. Webmaster / IT	\$500
6. Accounting & Legal Fees.....	\$1500
7. Postage	\$150
8. Insurance	\$200
9. Northern California DX Foundation.....	\$400
10. ClubLog Donation	\$450
11. Zoom Fees	\$250
12. Educational Activities.....	\$400
13. Remembrances/condolences	\$400
14. K4UEE/INDEXA Matching.....	\$1,500
Total	\$14,102.63

Approved _____.