



Southeastern DX Club

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THE SOUTH'S PREMIER DX CLUB

August 2011

President's Report:

Sure hope everyone who attended the July Club's picnic held at Ken (K4TEA) and Trish's fine home enjoyed themselves. Accommodations were great, fellowship wonderful, and the Bubba burgers terrific. Thanks to all who helped put the picnic together and coming to the Club's event. As the new Republic of South Sudan STØR DXpedition winds down I hope everyone has been able to make at least one contact with them. The STØ operators have been doing a great job considering the high atmospheric noise levels they are experiencing and the August 5th CME deadening of the spectrum for some of us.

There are several up-coming DXpeditions that will include some of our very own members. For some of our club members a planned DXpedition may be anticlimactic since they have 5 Band DXCC etc. Wow – that is commendable but for new hams entering into the competition to attain DXCC or increase their DXCC count an anticlimactic DXpedition to them is a really a big challenge. One of our SEDXC charter's mission is to foster and mentor new hams and provide guidance for the skills in how to work DX stations and, of course, DXpeditions.

Another of our Club's mission is to support the very exotic DXpeditions and maybe not so exotic (to some) DXpeditions. I must agree we do not need to provide financial support for a DXpedition to a far-off land that has weekly tourist ferry boat service. The Club officers and trustees attempt to guide the Club's financial support from both the most needed entities to the Club's budgeted and financial abilities. So, at club meetings when the subject to support a planned DXpedition's request arises, recall

that the recommendation from the Club's officers and trustees has been thought out but is not final until you the Club members vote.

Moving onto upcoming activities, the Huntsville, AL hamfest is August 20-21. The Club is planning to have a Club table to invite new members and for members to meeting and chat. The hamfest is all indoors and air conditioned.

Following the Huntsville hamfest is the September 23/24 activities in Sevierville, TN with the TenTec hamfest and the SEDCO activities. Between the TenTec's hamfest bone yard and the great line-up of guest speakers at SEDCO the events provide a whale of an energizing ham radio weekend. So mark your calendars.

Well, back to chasing DX.

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Jim C. KT4MM

Vice President's Report:

No report this month.

Secretaries' Report:

No report this month:

Treasuries Report:

SEDXC Financial position as of July 31, 2011

The balance on hand in the operating account at the end of July was \$6332.90

Activity in the month:

Receipts:

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| Membership, Raffle, IRC's | \$ 565.00 |
| Transfer from Paypal | \$1300.00 |

Disbursements were as follows:

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| N6PSE Intrepid DX STØR | \$300.00 |
| Picnic supplies | \$261.45 |

Membership runs from July 1 to June 30. If you haven't paid your dues, please go to the SEDXC website and do the PayPal thing. If that doesn't suit, then send me a check snail mail. 207 Longview Dr, Norcross, GA 30071.

We have several DXpedition applications for funding which the Exec committee will be considering and recommending for a vote at this month's meeting.

Hope everyone got STØR in the log between the radio blackouts.

73 es dx
Mike, ND4V

Here is a subject brought up by a Steve, K4JPD, in regard to the DX Window on 80-meters. It is presented for your consideration.

To SEDXC members,

If you like to work DX on 80 meters, then I am asking you to consider the following:

When the 80 SSB band stopped at 3750 KHz the ARRL decided to call 3790-3800 the 80 meter phone DX window.

Now several years later the 80 meter band has been greatly expanded but the 80 meter phone DX window is still the measly 10KHz it has been for years. The problem with only 10Khz for working DX is clear. If a station in the window and is working DX on 3795, he pretty much has unintentionally wiped out the rest of the DX window for others. Sure you can move down the band and attempt to

work dx only to run into local stateside QSO groups.

The IARU band plan for intercontinental DX in region 1, 2 and 3 is 3775 KHz to 3800 KHz. The US/ARRL needs to align its band plan to match the rest of the world and to take into consideration all of the additional space now allocated to 80 meter SSB and to expand the 80 phone DX window to be 3775 - 3800.

Here is the link to the IARU band plan.

<http://www.iaru-r2.org/band-plan/>

(Note: The link Steve gave did not work but, this will take you to a page to view the band plans for region 1, 2, & 3.)

If you agree, I am asking each of you to send an email to the current Chair of the HF band Planning committee, K0BJ, and copy your email to W4OZK and K5UR.

His contact information is:
Bruce Frahm (Chair HF)
K0BJ@arrrl.org

Greg Sarratt (Director)
W4OZK@arrrl.org

Rick Roderick (First VP)
K5UR@arrrl.org

Thanks for reading. See you on 80 this fall.
-73-
Steve
K4JPD

We have several requests for funding this month and they are presented following the regular Bulletin, which is a little short this month due to the lack of input.

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DX COMMUNICATION FREQ.

Simplex 147.54

K4JPD Repeater (tone 85.4 Hz) 147.195 +600

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

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| Entity Name / Call Sign | HK0NA |
| Web page | www.hk0na.com |
| Team leader / number of members: | HK1R team leader/16 team members |
| Approx. Date and duration of Dxpedition | Jan.24, 2012---Feb.4, 2012 10-12 days |
| QSL manager / QSL route | Via N2OO |
| Budget estimated for Dxpedition | \$110,000 |
| Position on most wanted list: | #11 |
| Landing permit/operating permission approved. | Verbal approval, paperwork late August |
| Last time this entity was activated | 1990 with major operation, several field day-type operations since |
| Typical interval between activations | 12-15 years |
| Anyone planning to activate this entity before your DXpedition | no |
| Objective / Strategy | More QSOs than all previous operations combined |
| Callsign/Age of youngest Team member | LU9ESD age 24 |
| SEDXC member initiating request | K4UEE |
| SEDXC member(s) participating | K4UEE and W6IZT |
| Funding amount requested | \$1250 |
| Send Funds to: | K4UEE |
| SEDXC logo on QSL cards? | Yes |
| SEDXC logo on web page? | Yes |
| Additional comments: | |
| Your kind consideration is appreciated! | |

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| Entity Name / Call Sign | C21A |
| Web page | www.c21.pacific-dxers.com |
| Team leader / number of members: | Eddie De Young VK4AN and Bill Horner VK4FW.... Other members are K4ZLE, NJ7N, NL8F, and W5SL (2 others tbc) |
| Approx. Date and duration of Dxpediton | Nov 10 thru to Dec 6, 2011 |
| QSL manager / QSL route | VK4FW Bill Horner, 13 McConnell Rd, Maidenwell, 4615, Australia..... Also www.vk4fw.com/oqrs.php Also via the buro |
| Budget estimated for Dxpediton | Each member is responsible for all personal costs including all airfares, accommodation and food etc. As well each member is committed a further \$500 each to help cover freight costs etc. It is necessary for us to airfreight all equipment in as excess baggage due to problems at Nauru. This expense is approx. \$7000. This is what we would really appreciate your help with |
| Position on most wanted list: | 44 in the world, 10 in most of EU, 19 in the world on digital |
| Landing permit/operating permission approved. | yes |
| Last time this entity was activated | C21YY (OH2YY) was there by himself for a few days 2 weeks ago. He operated ssb and only was active for a few days. |
| Typical interval between activations | |
| Anyone planning to activate this entity before your DXpedition | Nil to our knowledge |
| Objective / Strategy | We plan to have 4 complete hf stations on air as well as 6m. Equipment includes 3 x k3 and 3 x kpa500 amps, 1 x flex 3000 and dx1 amp, 1 x ic7000 and als600 amp. Antennae include: 1 x spiderbeam, 2 x hex beam, 1 x 80m vertical, 1 x 40 vertical, 1 x 30m vertical, 1 x 160m dipole and also 160m shortened vertical, various other wire antennae. We will be on SSB, CW and Digital modes. We intend to make sure everyone gets a chance to work this country before we leave. |
| Callsign/Age of youngest Team member | Gee I am not so sure but at this stage VK4FW and NL8F are both 50. |
| SEDXC member initiating request | no |
| SEDXC member(s) participating | Do not know |
| Funding amount requested | Whilst we would like as much as possible we are realistic so we would be very pleased to get \$500 from your organisation |
| Send Funds to: | They can be sent by paypal to dxpedition@westnet.com.au |

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| | If you need bank details for direct deposit I can organize that. |
| SEDXC logo on QSL cards? | absolutely |
| SEDXC logo on web page? | Absolutely on www.c21.pacific-dxers.com as a sponsor. |
| Additional comments: From 25th Oct thru to Nov 8th most of the operators will be at Fiji operating as 3d2a and 3d2t. This is the easiest route for us all to get to Nauru. Kind regards Bill Horner | |

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| Entity Name / Call Sign | PITCAIRN Island – VP6T |
| Web page | www.vp6t.org |
| Team leader / number of members: | TL = Jacques Saget F6BEE + 4 members: G3TXF, FM5CD, VE2TZZ, F4BKV |
| Approx. Date and duration of Dxpediton | 20 to 29 January 2012, 9 days on the island |
| QSL manager / QSL route | Via G3TXF (direct, bureau, LoTW) |
| Budget estimated for Dxpediton | In the US\$ 55000 range for 5 operators, from their home and back. |
| Position on most wanted list: | The 2010 most needed DXCC survey from DX Magazine shows Pitcairn VP6 at the 53rd in world rankings and as high as 31st most wanted in Europe. Club Log statistics confirm these ranking as 35th. |
| Landing permit/operating permission approved. | Yes. Callsign has been issued: VP6T |
| Last time this entity was activated | Last significant activity in 2000 by VP6BR / OH2BR |
| Typical interval between activations | There are residents but very few activity. |
| Anyone planning to activate this entity before your DXpediton | Not known by the residents, ship companies or licencing authority. |
| Objective / Strategy | All 9 HF bands and CW, SSB, RTTY activity, emphasis on low bands and far Europe. |
| Callsign/Age of youngest Team member | F4BKV Vincent Comombo was born in 1977. |
| SEDXC member initiating request | |
| SEDXC member(s) participating | |
| Funding amount requested | US\$ 1000 |
| Send Funds to: | Jacques Saget, F6BEE |

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| | Bank data to be sent if funding is granted. |
| SEDXC logo on QSL cards? | Yes |
| SEDXC logo on web page? | Yes |
| Additional comments: Three of the 5 operators were team member of TX4T expedition to F. Polynesia that made 35000 QSOs in Feb. 2010. Access to Pitcairn island is expensive, even via semi-regular (4 or 6 times a year) ship. Cost of freight and extra luggage on the 1700 km Air Tahiti flight is US\$ 14 per kg (10.10 Euro) for a round trip. The operators will use their own radio, amplifiers, laptop and antennas. QSOs should be uploaded to LoTW on a daily basis during the expedition, assuming the satellite internet of our host is working as planned. | |