



Bulletin

August 2013

From the President

Norm WA4ZXV

Hello SEDXC!

Had enough rain lately? We did get three or four days in a row without it. It's hard to believe we were short on water just months ago.

I've got my shopping list ready for Huntsville and it's short. Bet I come home with a lot more receipts in my pocket than I have items on my list.

After a reminder at the last couple SEDXC meetings, I have gone out to Clublog.org and updated my information and refreshed my logs. If you haven't done this yet, you might be surprised to see how they review your entries and give you possible fixes. I thought this one was interesting. Here I thought I caught a new one. *Club Log's report: "ZT8Z - PRINCE EDWARD & MARION ISLANDS on 2012-02-19 20:52:17, 15M Club Log agrees that the call sign ZT8Z maps to PRINCE EDWARD & MARION ISLANDS. This claim is probably not valid, as PRINCE EDWARD & MARION ISLANDS is #15 most-wanted, and no-one else has logged a QSO with ZT8Z within the last 10 years."* Oh well! Clublog has been a great tool for supporting DX activities. If you haven't signed up or uploaded logs,

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Veep's Report

Wey K8EAB

2013 PICNIC and CHRISTMAS PARTY

We continue to work on both of these events. The Picnic will be held in August at a public park just outside the Perimeter on the north side of Atlanta. The Christmas Party will be held in December at an Episcopal Church fellowship hall. Dates and other details will be announced soon

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Our speaker for the July meeting was Jim Worthington – AD4J, whose presentation was titled "One Antenna, Eleven Bands". Jim did a great job showing us how he models his antenna to fit the space constraints of his lot and still give the desired performance.



Jim AD4J, Wey K8EAB, and Norm WA4ZXV

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President...

you might want to give it a try. If you do sign up, be sure to add SEDXC as your club. Club Log rates clubs by how many members and how many DXCCs. For a regional club, we're rated very well indeed.

We had scheduled a picnic for August 31, but because some of us want to go to the Shelby Hamfest which is that weekend, I have postponed. No new date set

How's DX? Darned if I know. I've just about worn out my thumb removing the antenna connections every time there is likelihood of a storm. I have watched the clusters some, but nothing new for me. I missed the NAQP CW contest doing other ham related activities, but not a great on for picking up DX.

It will be time for TechFest 2014 before we know it. I really would like SEDXC to have a theme at the table this year. Maybe we can have a show and tell about how to find DX. Some screen grabs of Clusters, Listing of DX News sources, some materials to handout maybe a large screen monitor or projector showing some of the info. Your thoughts on what we might do for TechFest are welcome. Of course if we are really on the ball, we can do the same thing at Stone Mountain Hamfest in November.

Hope to see you at this month's meeting on the 15th. Remember, several of us meet at Panera Bread just down the street from our meeting location starting about 5:30. ❖

Activities Chairman

Bill AA4OC

The next major event for local Hams will be on 08/17/2013, the Alabama hamfest. Information can be found at www.hamfest.org. SEDXC will not have a table, but many of us will be in attendance sporting our SEDXC badges. It's a good time to meet representatives from the ARRL and see all of the new and exciting gear coming out this year. Hope to see you there! ❖

Treasurer's Journal

Mike ND4V

Receipts	1,842.19
Disbursements	
Wake Is	500.00
FT5ZM Amsterdam Is	1,000.00
Alford Memorial Hamfest Table	75.00
Activity in Period	267.19
Add beginning Balance	8,352.65
Ending Balance	\$ 8,619.84



Got your log there? If not, why not?
www.clublog.org

How's DX

Wey reports: Wake Is. (K9W) is coming up in October. Now is the time to get your antennas in place for this one. A number of SEDXC members are on the team. Details: www.wake2013.org.

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This Month's Meeting



Our speaker will be Fred Lloyd AA7BQ, founder of QRZ.com. We were fortunate to be able to schedule Fred to speak to the SEDXC while he and his XYL Robin are on their annual Summer RV trip across the U.S.



QRZ.COM is the world's most popular amateur radio website. Come and join Fred as he shares his story of how a copy of the FCC data on tape evolved into a community of nearly 500,000 members. The status of QRZ's current and upcoming features will also be covered. Be sure not to miss the question and answer portion of the talk that is always a crowd favorite. Past talks have shown that the audience participation segment is often the most popular part of the program. Fred is a computer systems engineer and programmer with more than 30 years' experience. He has been a ham since 1987 and has held the call sign AA7BQ since then.

6-Meter DX

Six Meters has had several openings during the past few weeks. I'm a VHF novice, but I was able to cobble together an antenna and start working on DXCC for this band. I took a 6-meter Hex-Beam that I've had for several years, lashed it to a painter's pole, and then nylon tie-wrapped the plastic pole to the center mast of my 5-band Hex-Beam. In spite of my "red-neck engineering", I've worked everything I've heard and signal reports have been good. Best DX so far is into the Caribbean. Six meters certainly is different from the HF bands. ❖