



# Bulletin



August 2016

## From the Pres

Mike ND4V

Round Tuits!

I'm looking forward to Huntsville Hamfest this month. In addition to the obligatory PL259, I'm in the market for some "round tuits". If they don't have them there, maybe at Shelby or W4DXCC in September will be the place.

Got a note from the "V" sorter at the buro that I had 14 ounces of cards there and needed to send envelopes! Finally got a round tuit and sent him a dozen. I just got seven envelopes back yesterday. A lot of the cards were from W1AW portable operations from 2014. Brought back memories of some fun times chasing those guys. Now got to get a round tuit and update the log and answer the QSL PSE cards.

It's summer, sunspots are gone, and six meters is fickle. Need some round tuits to finish my maintenance chores. Need to walk around to the side of the house and see how the tower and the guy cables look. Probably wouldn't hurt to change the coax on that OCF wire. It's been up ten years (at least). Hey, I bought the coax last year ... another round tuit needed.

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## Veep's Report

Chuck AE4CW

### Last Month's Meeting

Who knew that Earth-Moon-Earth (EME) DXing could be accomplished today with 500 watts (or less!) and relatively small Yagi antennas? Well, John, K4SQC, demonstrated that with today's JT65 below-noise-detecting software developed by Joe Taylor, K1JT, DXCC and beyond is certainly attainable! Thank you John for opening our eyes to a new era and mode of making DXing both challenging and fun!

### This Month's Meeting

**Date/Time:** Thursday August 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM  
**Location:** Rich Auditorium, Piedmont Hospital  
Details at [www.sedxc.org](http://www.sedxc.org)

**Title:** A Double-Header  
Operating DX from Anywhere  
The GQP Two-Station Flex Rover Operation  
**Speakers:** Mack McCormick W4AX &  
Mike Roden W5JR



**Mack, W4AX      Mike, W5JR**

Mack, W4AX will demonstrate the ease of operating DX from anywhere in the world when you have a mobile phone or internet connection. This will include using your laptop, iPad, and the Maestro as a client back to the radio. This allows complete mobility with your radio even when you're with your wife in the mall while she is clothes shopping!

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### **From the Pres (cont.)**

I need to bug the 44 guys that still owe their dues. But maybe they need round tuits too! That's a \$1,100 of our budget that hasn't happened. Can't spend it if we don't have it!

I've been vicariously travelling the National Parks this summer. Every time I work a new one, I try to go to the Park Service web site and read up on it. There are some incredible and practically unknown (at least to me) places out there. I did operate at RC04, Chattahoochee Scenic River, with the Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society. Managed to generate a couple of small pile ups.

Hope you worked PJ6Y, the DX Youth Adventure while they were there. Sharon and Ruth Willet from our area were hoping to get DXCC from there. Thanks Wes W3WL and George N4GRN for your efforts in making this happen for the youth.

73, Hope your tuit list is smaller than mine and I look forward to seeing you at Panera Bread.

Mike ND4V ❖

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### **Activities Chairman**

Our regular and recurring activity is the monthly meeting. If you missed the July meeting, you missed a great presentation by John, K4SQC, on working DX without sunspots. EME, according to John, is not as daunting an undertaking as we might first imagine.

After this presentation several folks expressed interest in visiting John's nearby EME station, located in Dahlonega, as an SEDXC field trip. We will be considering this field trip for a Saturday after the September VHF contest. If you are interested in joining us please send me an [email](#).

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- Huntsville HamFest: We encourage all members to visit this grand two day HamFest, August 20 - 21. [www.hamfest.org/](http://www.hamfest.org/)
- W4DXCC Convention: September 23 - 24. <http://www.w4dxcc.com/>

73,

Daryl K4RGK ❖

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### **Treasurer's Journal**

Balance on Hand as of 7/31/16: \$10,301.

Budget, as revised at July meeting, is shown on p. 4.

73,

Jeff K1ZN ❖

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## Veep's Report (cont.)

Mack was first licensed as a novice in 1968 as WN4MAK and six months later became WB4MAK. Five years ago he received the vanity call sign W4AX. His interests span a broad range of ham radio topics from vintage equipment through the most modern radios available today. Operations include all modes and bands from 160M thru 23cm with particular interest in CW contesting. His other hobby includes running rugged trails throughout the world.

Mike, W5JR, will assist Mack in demonstrating the Flex Remote operation utilizing his own home station, laptop and Maestro. He will then take us through the design, testing and operation of the N4G/2015 and N4N/2016 dual Flex 6300 GA QSO Party rover station. Yes, that's two, as in 'a pair' of Flex 6300 HF stations on board. By paying attention to the details, a successful outcome can be rewarding.

Mike was licensed in 1968 at the age of 16 as WN5UOB. Mike and his Dad, then WN5UOC, began a great hobby together. Now as W5JR most of Mike's HF operation is CW, concentrating on 160m CW contests plus 80 and 40M. His mobile operation consists primarily of FM operation on 10m, 6m, 2m, 222, 440 and 927 plus the annual GQP rover outing. Mike is the caretaker of North Fulton Amateur Radio League's seven repeaters. During the contest "off-season", Mike enjoys playing golf with his wife, Kim, and working to lower his handicap.

### September 2016 Program Preview

"The VKØEK Heard Island DXpedition" will be presented by Bob Schmieder, KK6EK, Expedition Organizer and Leader. Remember that the September meeting will be on September 22nd - NOT our usual Thursday.

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!

73 es gud DX,

Chuck AE4CW❖

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# SEDXC Proposed Budget for 2016 – 2017

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*Revised 8/1/16*

<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
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
Resident Gave Plaque	\$89
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	\$3494
Bank Balance 7/1/2016	\$10301
Available for DXpeditions @ 50% of Balance	\$5150

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