



Bulletin



August 2017

From the Pres

Mike ND4V

The monthly meeting on August 17 at 7:30PM and will feature Bob Allphin K4UEE who will update all of us on the upcoming Bouvet DXpedition. The location of the meeting is the Rich Auditorium at Piedmont Hospital with details for location at www.sedxc.org.

My apologies for the meeting room screw-up at the last meeting. We found another group meeting in the Rich Auditorium. Yes, it was reserved for us; the other group however had possession and didn't budge. The hospital folks were very responsive and took us to another meeting room. While it wasn't plush like the Rich Auditorium, it accommodated us very well, and some members even liked the chairs better! We received nice notes from the hospital resource person explaining the mix-up and assuring us that the auditorium is ours. Thanks Dr. Jim Kauten W4TE for getting the room for us!

Thanks to Dick Baxter K5TF for agreeing to serve as VP. If you see a good program at your general club meeting or have an idea for a program let Dick know! Also thanks to Norm WA4ZXV for taking on activities manager. By the way the Fall BBQ is in the planning stage; we just need XYL approval of the date! Watch for an e-Vite soon. Jeff K1ZN remains as treasurer,

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News

SEDXC's own Mike Roden W5JR has been selected as a 2017 Fellow of the Radio Club of America, as announced in "ARRL Letter for August 10th".

Congratulations, Mike!! Info:

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter?issue=2017-08-10>

The Radio Club of America (RCA) has recognized several individuals as award recipients and RCA Fellows for 2017 The list includes several radio amateurs. Presentations will take place this fall at the 2017 RCA Banquet and Awards Presentation.

Activities

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!

Treasurer's Journal

Balance, Aug 3, 2017: \$13,294.16

73,

Jeff K1ZN❖

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From the Pres (cont.)

Clark WU4B as newsletter editor, Chaz W4GKF as Webmaster and database guru, and Bill N4NX as membership chair. Thanks again to all of you!

According to the minutes of the ARRL BoD meeting last month, the ARRL is looking for ways to enhance the entry-level license. *From the ARRL recent newsletter:* *"The general goal here is to have an entry-level license that offers a way for a newcomer to experience multiple facets of Amateur Radio," the committee's report said, "encouraging them to get on the air, meet other licensees, and engage in a lifetime of learning while using Amateur Radio."* Suggestions including adding digital privileges and voice privileges to the 80, 40, and 15 meter bands. According to the ARRL, this could be done without changes to the exam question pool and would be a simple FCC rule change. As W4KLY says, "It appears that the average age of our club members is going up by one each year. I am definitely in favor of sharing the spectrum with new hams to reverse that trend".

As of today, 23 of our members have not renewed. This is a 10% drop and the largest one-year decline in membership that I recall. As I look down the list, there are the calls of former club officers, big time contesters, a well-known DXpedition leader, and many long-time regular "joes". I know interests change and other priorities come along, but really, what's happening here? Has the DX Club outlived its usefulness? If you have a suggestion for improving the club, please let one of the officers know.

As you know by now, on August 21st there will be a 97% total eclipse of the sun. The moon will pass between earth and the sun at approximately 2:36 pm. Only a small crescent of the sun won't be blocked by the moon. That small crescent, however, is still bright enough to burn the retina of your eye! Be safe and use NASA approved viewing glasses if you plan to observe. HamSCI <http://www.hamsci.org/basic-project/2017-total-solar-eclipse> is a citizen science study group that is looking to answer some questions about what happens propagation-wise during an eclipse. For example, does the D-layer of absorption dissipate? Is there a gray line effect within the shadow? Go check out their website and plan to operate before and after the few minutes of totality. If you play radio in the Eclipse QSO Party, don't forget to actually go outside and watch the eclipse!

I'm about QRU for this month. See you at Panera or at the meeting.

73 es gud DX,

Mike ND4V ❖

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DXpedition Funding Requests

Entity Name / Call Sign	3Y0Z – Bouvet 2018
Web page	www.bouvetdx.org.
Team leader / number of members:	K4UEE; WØGJ
Approx. Date and duration of Dxpediton	Jan, 13, 2018 – 12 Days
QSL manager / QSL route	Bob, N2OO
Budget estimated for Dxpediton	
Position on most wanted list:	#2 on ClubLog Also, needed by 63.8% of IOTA Chasers
Landing permit/operating permission approved.	YES
Last time this entity was activated	
Typical interval between activations	
Anyone planning to activate this entity before your DXpedition	NO
Objective / Strategy	
Callsign/Age of youngest Team member	
SEDXC member initiating request	K1ZN
SEDXC member(s) participating	K4UEE; W6IZT
Funding amount requested	\$1,000.
Send Funds to:	K4UEE
SEDXC logo on QSL cards?	YES
SEDXC logo on web page?	YES
Additional comments: We previously donated \$2,000.	