



# Bulletin

September 2013

## From the President

**Norm WA4ZXV**

*Hello SEDXC!*

It's been antenna time at my place. We had a tree crew here to clean up some major limbs and cut out some smaller trees there were actually not doing much but making it hard to mow the lawn. One of the outcomes is a better path for some of my wire antennas. I took down a bunch: G5RV, 10m vertical, 80m OCF, 160 Loop (partial), 160 Inverted L and 80m doublet. I have the two 160s back up and working on some of the others. Then, I may go ahead and add 20ft to my 40ft tower. The tree crew didn't do any climbing but did it all using a self-propelled cherry picker with 73 ft. reach. If I had known what they were using, I probably would have added a little time to the quote for placing some wires in trees. They had to come on Saturday instead of Tuesday and many on the crew weren't happy, so favors were hard to ask.

As I started putting things back together, I noticed several spots where the wire was frayed. Even the 450 ohm feed line had a couple nicks. I cut the bad spots out which probably saved me from some additional down-time in the future. There must have been some falling limbs or some really big birds <g>. I thought

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## Veep's Report

**Wey K8EAB**

### 2013 PICNIC and CHRISTMAS PARTY

We are working to reschedule the picnic which was in conflict with the Shelby Hamfest. Stay tuned for an update on this event. The Christmas Party will be held on **December 7th** at a church fellowship hall near Stone Mountain. Menu and other details will be announced soon.

### LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Our speaker for the August meeting was Fred Lloyd – AA7BQ. His presentation "The History of QRZ" took us from buying a tape from the FCC and burning disc copies to a system that today serves over 500,000 amateurs.



Wey K8EAB, Fred AA7BQ, Norm WA4ZXV

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that lightning may have caused it, but the wire wasn't melted on the frayed spots. I did see some DX on the clusters while antennas were down. Seems the ones I needed were there when I couldn't operate. Oh well!

We're coming into the DXpedition season and have a couple of requests for funding that Mike ND4V will tell us about. I hear that the FT5ZM folks are really starting to get packed. There is one problem with packing so early: it gives you too long to remember what you left out! I'm sure we're all looking forward to that one. Don't forget Wake Island K9W in October; should be fun!

Saturday September 28 is the site visit to NN4ZZ. If you have any questions about the visit, please contact Al direct.

Don't forget to put the Stone Mountain Hamfest **November 2/3** on your calendar. And as usual, we can use some help at our table so be sure to let Bill, AA4OC know if you can take a slot. We'll also be helping sell HamJam tickets.

HamJam is November 9, the week after the Hamfest, you'll see some notes close to show time looking for some help at the event. If you've got a few minutes before the event to help out, let us know. If you think you can sell some raffle tickets, let us know. Maybe you could attend another clubs' meeting where folks might be looking at winning one of the great prizes listed on the web site. We will have tickets for sale at the meeting this month.

Wey, as expected, has another great program lined up for this month. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting. ❖



Got your log there? If not, why not?  
[www.clublog.org](http://www.clublog.org)

**HAMJAM 2013**

## Activities Chairman

### Bill AA4OC

The TEN-TEC Open House and Hamfest (<http://www.tentec.com/categories/Visit-Our-Hamfest%21--2013/>) will be held on 27-28 September 2013 at the TEN-TEC Offices in Sevierville, TN. Also, on the same days the W4DXCC DX and Contest Convention (<http://www.w4dxcc.com/>) will be held in Pigeon Forge, TN. We will not have a table at either event, but I'm sure you will meet and greet fellow SEDXCers attending one or both of these events.

We have two events in November and will have tables at both. First is the Stone Mountain Hamfest on 2 November and the second is the Ham Jam 2013 on 9 November 2013. Details for the Stone Mountain Hamfest can be found at <http://www.stonemountainhamfest.com/>. ❖

## Treasurer's Journal

### Mike ND4V

Receipts	0.00
Disbursements	0.00
Activity in Period	0.00
Add beginning	
Balance	8,619.84
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 8,619.84</b>

## Have you Re-upped?

Dues for the current year are not past due. You don't want to be dropped from participating in one of the best DX clubs around, "due" you? Members who haven't paid by the end of September may be dropped from the membership rolls, and we really don't want to see you go. There are some exciting new DXpeditions we hope to be funding and you can play a part. Re-up today!

*Mike ND4V*

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## **THIS MONTH'S MEETING**

**Program:** BevPro-1 Reversible Beverage Antenna System -- old dog-new tricks!

**Presented by:** **Ned Mountain WC4X**



His talk will focus on the new and unique Pixel Technologies BevPro-1 reversible Beverage antenna system. Although the Beverage antenna and numerous variations have been around for close to 100 years, this new variation solves several challenges and installation issues normally associated with this type of receiving antenna. Designed by Geoff Mendenhall, W8GNM, the product has been field tested since 2009 in several test installations, including Ned's QTH. If you are looking for a Beverage antenna design that uses inexpensive cable, is reversible, can be fed from any point along its length, and optimized from the shack, then this is one to consider!

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

We are planning to have two of SEDXC's finest speak to us in October. Stay tuned for details.

**HamJam 2013 will take the place of the November meeting, and the Christmas Party will take the place of the December meeting as usual.**

We have a commitment from Joe Blackwell – AA4NN to tell us about the Wake Island DXpedition. We're working to get Joe on the schedule in 2014. We also have a tentative commitment from N2WB (Wild Bill) to make a Webinar type presentation. Details will be forthcoming in the next few months

Member suggestions and assistance in contacting potential meeting speakers are always welcomed! ❖