



Bulletin



September 2014

From the Pres

Wey K8EAB

The SEDXC is pleased to welcome two new members to our roster: Kay Craigie-N3KN and Lee Hiers-AA4GA



Kay is President of the ARRL. Although she currently lives in Blacksburg, VA, she's originally from Atlanta, and if you visit her QRZ page (www.qrz.com/db/N3KN), you will see she's an avid DXer, Contester, Volunteer Examiner (VE), and SKYWARN Op. Where does she find the time?

Lee was an SEDXC member many years ago and we're glad he's come back home. He's a QRP DXer and Contester, and he maintains an unofficial listing of QRP DXCC standings (www.qrpdx.com) in addition to a very informative Amateur Radio web-site (www.aa4ga.com).

WELCOME ABOARD, Kay and Lee!

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Veep's Report

Vaden NN4K

Last Month's Meeting

SEDXC members gathered for our annual picnic at the lakeside home of Trish and Ken Byers, K4TEA. We know a lot of members could not attend this year and hope they will be able to in the future. The food was excellent and plentiful. Activities included Ken giving rides on the lake in his boat, conversations among those staying ashore and cooking the burgers and hotdog.

This Month's Meeting



Hal Kennedy, N4GG, "Optimizing Antenna Selection without Modeling." This is a schedule revision from last month's Newsletter.

Hal is a member of the SEDXC and has accomplished a lot since he was first licensed in January 1961. He received a BSEE degree from Lafayette College and an MS in Management from the Sloan School at MIT. He holds an Amateur Extra Class license as well as a First Class (now General) Radiotelephone Commercial License. He has retired from his professional life as an executive with 30+ years in the aerospace industry.

He consults to the electronics industry and enjoys writing for a variety of ARRL publications including QST, NCJ, The ARRL Antenna Handbook and the ARRL Handbook.

Chasing DX and contesting from 1.8 to 50 MHz with CW, his preferred mode, keeps him busy. Although he says he doesn't chase awards he has accumulated many. They include: DXCC Honor Roll: Mixed/Phone/CW, 9-Band DXCC/WAS/WAC, 5BWAZ, WPX Award of Excellence w/160 endorsement,

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The SEDXC Summer Picnic was hosted by Ken and Trish Byers at their home on Lake Lanier. The weather was "warm", but what would you expect in the South in August.



Ken took lots of folks out for boat rides, and everyone ate and had a good time. A big "Thank You!" to Ken and Trish for opening their lake house to SEDXC'ers!

At the Huntsville hamfest, Bob Allphin-K4UEE spoke to the Northern Alabama DX Club about the FT5ZM DXpedition, and Wes Lamboley-W3WL conducted the DX-101 Forum. Both had major roles in the Wouff Hong induction ceremony that took place on Saturday night. Paul Manno-KG4UVU and his XYL Karen-KG4ZGU were character actors as well. Norm Schklar-WA4ZXV, Mike Weathers-ND4V, and I were inducted into this Royal Order. There may have been other SEDXC members who also became members of this hallowed, secret order as well. It was a memorable experience ... highly recommended if you get the chance to join.

At the September meeting, proposed changes to the SEDXC Constitution and By-Laws will be discussed and voted on. All members will receive electronic communication concerning these proposed changes before this month's meeting.

V.P. Vaden McDonald continues to work to secure speakers for future meetings. Your suggestions concerning potential speakers or other meeting related events are always welcome.

Don't forget to dig out that piece of ju ... um ... antique radio equipment or other treasure to put on the door prize table at the meeting.

73 and Good DX!

Wey K8EAB



Activities Chairman

John N4TOL

The W4DXCC DX and Contest Convention, located in Pigeon Forge, TN starts September 26th and 27th. Check out the details at www.w4dxcc.com. This promises to be great event and a chance to meet up with many active DXers.

In November, there will be two major amateur radio events in the Atlanta area. The Stone Mountain Hamfest will be held on November 1st and 2nd. The SEDXC will be present there with a club booth and all are welcome to participate. Details for the hamfest can be found at <http://www.stonemountainhamfest.com/>. Also, on the following Saturday, November 8th is HamJam 2014 featuring a list of prominent speakers and lots of great prizes. Information for HamJam 2014 can be found at www.hamjam.info/.

Please note: There is a second chance for those who may have missed Bob Allphin's presentation of the FT5ZM, Amsterdam Island DXpedition at the SEDXC meeting back in April. Bob will be presenting this fascinating story at the North Fulton Amateur Radio League club meeting on Tuesday, September 16th. To find out details on the meeting please go to nfarl.org/Activities/Activities.html.

John N4TOL



Treasurer's Journal

Jeff K1ZN

Membership renewals are rolling resulting in our account balance at \$10,894. If you haven't yet renewed, you're late! Why not take care of it today?

Jeff K1ZN



HOW'S DX?

FT4TA – TROMELIN ISLAND (October 30th to November 10th, 2014). Details are here: <http://www.tromelin2014.com/en>

VK9X/N7QT – CHRISTMAS ISLAND If you missed the JA's DXpedition in early August 2014 then you have another chance for this year. Rob, N7QT will be active from Christmas Island as VK9X/N7QT between September 18 to October 2, 2014. QRV on 80-10m.

For summaries of all DXpeditions:

ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html



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A-1 Op, VUCC, and a QST Cover Plaque.

If Hal isn't chasing DX, he sometimes is DX. He has operated as PJ2/N4GG, PJ4/N4GG, TI5/N4GG, HP/N4GG, PJ4R, PJ4O and VP2MHK. He still collects paper QSLs and has 150,000 QSOs in the LOTW.

Some say an engineer is never idle and Hal is a good example of that. Besides the consulting work, he's interested in designing and building. Many will remember the authentic 1910 1/2 KW synchronous rotary spark gap transmitter he made and presented in 2010. It has been shown twice at Dayton, at Ham Jam and numerous club meetings. He adds that for now, 'Blue Lightning' on-the-air skeds are not available.

This is just a summary of N4GG's ham radio life. If you would like to know more you can check his www.grz.com page or just have a conversation with him. We are fortunate to have a ham like Hal in our SEDXC membership.

Can we choose which is better; a two element yagi at 50 feet or a 4 element yagi at 30 feet, without resorting to antenna modeling? Hal says we can. We are looking forward to hearing his presentation, "Optimizing Antenna Selection without Modeling."

Future Speakers

October 16, 2014 Bernie McClenny, W3UR, "Review of the top 20-25 needed entities." This program will be done by video conference over Internet from Bernie's QTH to the Rich Auditorium.

November 20, 2014 November 20, 2014, Ken Byers, K4TEA, and John Harden, D.M.D., W4NU, "SEDXC...the early days."

December 6, 2014 At the home of Gael and Chaz Cone. Details to follow soon

Got a speaker of topic you would like to see? Let' talk.

Vaden NN4K



DXpedition Funding Request

Entity Name / Call Sign	VU4KV
Web page	http://vu4kv.info
Team leader / number of members:	Krish W4VKU/10
Approx. Date and duration of DXpedition	Nov 5, 2014 – Nov 12, 2014 (3 person team to Nicobar Iota) Nov 16 – Nov 28, 2014 (10 person team at VU4 – Andaman Is) Nov 29/30, 2014 – 4 person team will run CQ WW CW from VU4
QSL manager / QSL route	W4VKU/Direct mail, OQRS, Bureau
Budget estimated for Dxpediton	\$23k with travel
Position on most wanted list:	#33 worldwide (2013)
Landing permit/operating permission approved.	Operating permit is on hand.
Last time this entity was activated	Large scale activation VU4PB(2011), Low band demand still exists
Typical interval between activations	For large operation, 3 years or so
Anyone planning to activate this entity before your DXpedition	No
Objective / Strategy	Phased arrays in salt water for 160/80/40/30 like in VU7AG. Multiband verticals in water (about 3). Horizontal antenna (2 to 3). Receiving antenna for low bands. Plans are for 5 stations including 6m. Acom 1000/KPA500 amps, K3/TS-590/TS-480 radios.
Callsign/Age of youngest Team member	VU2CDP/32 yrs.
SEDXC member initiating request	-
SEDXC member(s) participating	-
Funding amount requested	Our budget shows quite some deficit and hence seeking funding from various clubs, so will accept any support
Send Funds to:	W4vku via mail or paypal to vu4kv@yahoo.com
SEDXC logo on QSL cards?	With pleasure
SEDXC logo on web page?	With pleasure
Additional comments: Pending mother nature's blessings, we hope to do our best and do well into NA, where the demand exists. We have good CW ops on the team with a focus on 160m as well. Two-element phased array for 160/80/40/20m along with K9AY loops is in the plan.	