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September 2025

Founded In 1958

Our Next Meeting & Speaker

Date & Time: September 17, 2026

Location: Zoom meeting

Speaker: Bob Ronk W9AP

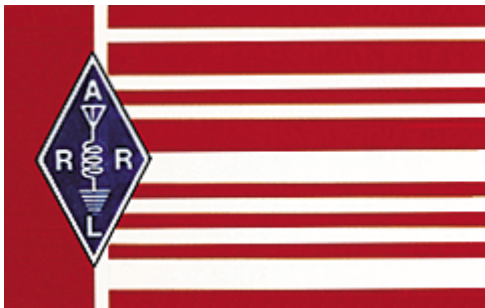
Topic: Bouvet Dxpedition Plans



From the Prez

(de John Tramontanis, N4TOL)

ARRL Southeastern Division Director Election Approaching



The ARRL Southeast Division Director position will be contested for the upcoming election. Balloting for contested seats will take place this

fall. Votes will be counted, and successful candidates announced, in November.

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Candidates declared elected will assume their roles for terms beginning January 1, 2026.

In the Southeastern Division, Director Mickey Baker, N4MB, will face challengers Jim Kvochick, K8JK, a former Michigan Section Manager, Scott Roberts, KK4ECR, who is the Northern Florida Section Manager, and Tom Schaefer, NY4I.

Balloting for contested seats will take place this fall. Votes will be counted, and successful candidates announced, in November.

Candidates declared elected will assume their roles for terms beginning January 1, 2026.

Please be sure to research the candidates to examine those in line with your interests and feelings about amateur radio and to cast your ballot to make a difference.

Hal Kennedy, N4GG, is now representing the Southeast on the DX Advisory Committee (DXAC)



Our fellow SEDXC club member Hal Kennedy, N4GG, has succeeded Dick Baxter, K5TF, former SEDXC president on the DXAC.

Possibly, after Hal gets his footing on the committee, he can lead a discussion about what is going on in that realm for a future club Zoom meeting.

How's DX?



Be sure to attend the club Zoom meeting on September 18th, as Bob Ronk, W9AP, will share plans on the upcoming DXpedition to **Bouvet, 3Y0K**.



As Bouvet is the #10 most wanted DX entity in North America per Club Log, and often referred to as the "Most Remote Island in the World", this is a must see presentation.



Club Log DX League:

As we move into the fall season, it is interesting to see the club's progress overall on the Club Log DX League list and in the 2025 DX Marathon.

Last month the club was ranked as high as #38 on the overall Club Log list (one of our highest positions ever posted), however, we have now slipped to #43.

This could be due to our current member count participating in the Club Log league now stands

at 92 (2 more than last month). Recently we had peaked at 100 members. Be advised that if you have not uploaded a log to Club Log in the past year, your log is not included in the SEDXC league counts. **Additionally, the DX stats of our members from the Club Log database (who needs what) are used to determine the criteria for club funding for DXpeditions.** So if you haven't uploaded yet this year, please do an upload today.



2025 DX Marathon Update:

If you are submitting and keeping your logs current on the Club Log site, we can assess how we are progressing as a club as a group and individually in the 2025 Marathon.

There currently are 10 members that have posted over 200 countries on the club list for 2025. The top 5 are:

KX4R - 257
K1ZN - 254
N4RJ - 252
WA1S - 251
K4EM - 244

Over 24 members have now exceeded 150 country count.

See the link on the SEDXC website (below) for information about Club Log.

<https://www.sedxc.org/sedxc/standings.htm>

To view and analyze our members' DX achievements stored in Club Log you can use the link below:

<https://clublog.org/league.php?club=155>

We look forward to seeing you all at the September 18th Zoom meeting!!

73 John N4TOL



[SEDXC Elmers Link](#)



VP Corner

Gregg Marco, W6IZT

Solar Cycle 25 and What It Means for HF DX

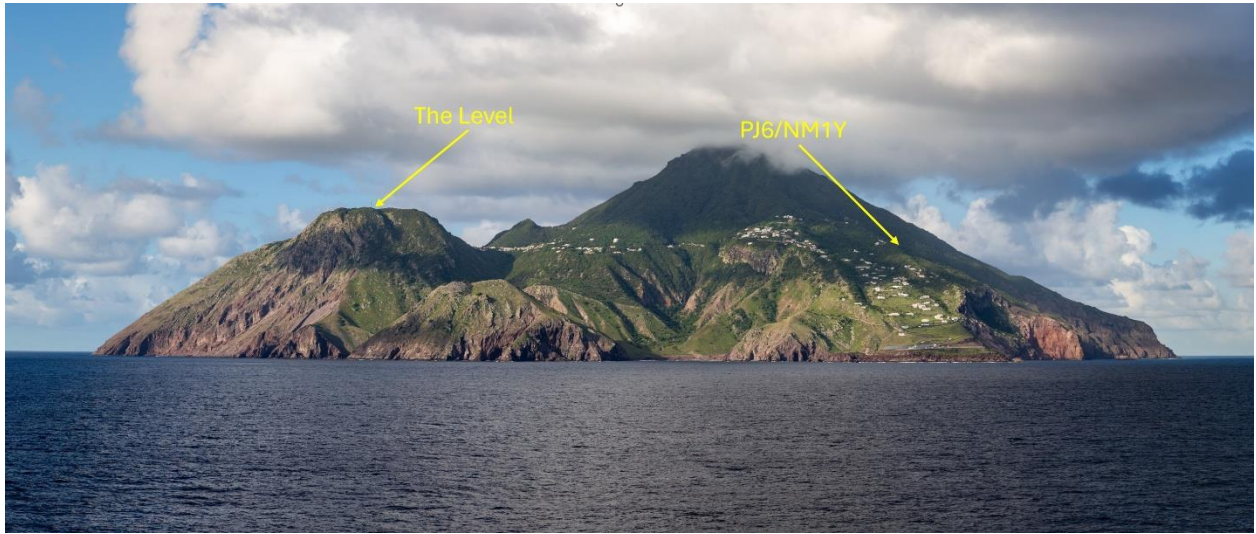
If you've been active on HF lately, you've probably noticed the band conditions have been both **exciting and unpredictable**. Solar Cycle 25 is now in its maximum phase, peaking in late 2024, and we're starting to see the classic ups and downs that come with it.

On the plus side, **10 and 12 meters** have been wide open, often well into the evening hours, giving us easy worldwide DX on relatively simple antennas. **15 and 17 meters** continue to be reliable workhorses, especially for transcontinental and transoceanic paths. Even **20 meters**, which had been sluggish during the last minimum, is often open late into the night.

But high activity brings challenges. Strong solar flares and CMEs over the past few months have triggered **HF blackouts** and **sudden absorption events**, particularly on the lower bands. **40 and 80 meters** can go from solid to dead in minutes when a flare hits during daylight. Geomagnetic storms have also been stirring the auroral zones, creating dramatic but noisy conditions on polar paths.

Looking ahead, while we've likely passed the exact sunspot peak, the maximum phase is broad — so we can expect **continued strong HF propagation for the next year or two**, punctuated by occasional disruptions. In short: enjoy the ride, keep an eye on solar alerts, and don't write off the higher bands — they're producing some of the best DX opportunities we've seen in more than a decade.

PJ6Y October 15 to October 29.



Your Veep has been heads down in preparation for our youth focused Dxpedition to Saba next month. Murphy has thrown some curveballs, but we continue to overcome! We have two world-class operating locations on the north side of the island at 1220 ft and 1640 ft above sea level. We look forward to seeing you on the bands.

That's all for now. 73 ..



Treasurer's Journal *(de Jeff Cantor, K1ZN)*

Greetings, Fellow DXers

TREASURER's Report –September 2025

The checkbook Balance on September 1st = \$9543,31

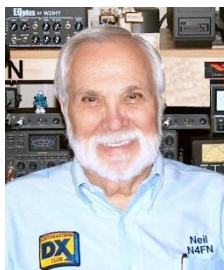
- Payments made during the month of August 2025:
 - o International DX Association donation of \$400 to their youth-oriented DXpedition fund;
 - o Northern California DX Foundation donation of \$400 to their Beacon Project fund;
 - o ClubLog annual support donation of \$512.57;
 - o LZ1GC – donation of \$400 for their VK9L & ZL7 DXpeditions.

- Stan, LZ1GC has contacted us to say that Lord Howe Island is no longer viable & he is changing direction to go to Vanuato (YJ0) instead.

- A request for funding has been received from Michal, OM2DX to activate Jerusalem (E4) as E44OM. Looking at a sample of 25 SEDXC ClubLeagues' users, this would be an ATNO for 10 & another 11 have worked it on only 1 to 3 bands. Attached to the Newsletter is their Funding Request application.

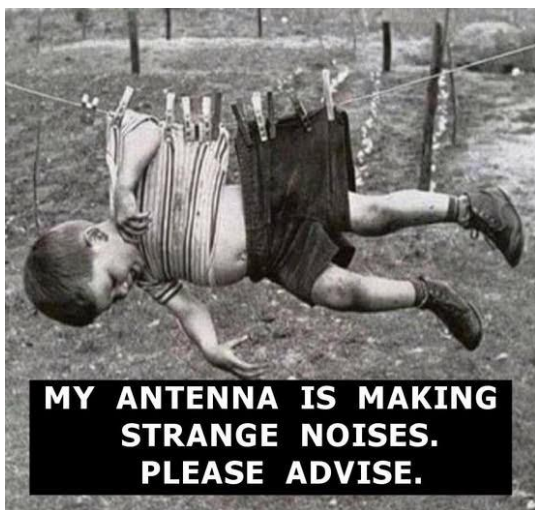
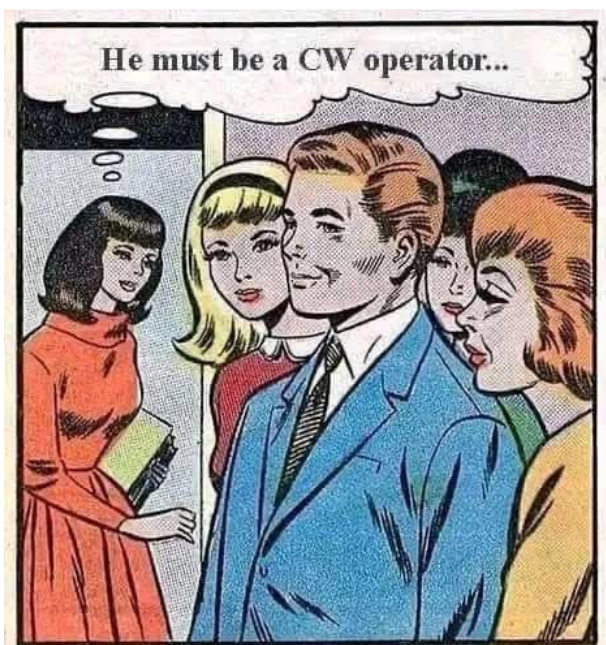
The SEDXC EC recommends an award of \$300 to this activation.

73s & GUD DX, Jeff / K1ZN, Treasurer



Neil's Humor:

N4FN



"WHAT IS THE BEST EXTERNAL ANTENNA



TUNER FOR MY NEW IC-7300?



Around The Shack

de Hal Kennedy N4GG

I'm currently working on Ham Radio Tips and Tales Volume II, so I won't be writing the column this month. I'm aiming for a November 1 release on Amazon, just like the first book. Since Amazon doesn't allow pre-orders, everyone will have to wait until the launch date to buy it. Progress is steady, though life's interruptions do slow me down.

If you don't have [Ham Radio Tips and Tales](#), Volume I you can find it [here](#).

73,
Hal N4GG



Greetings From the Editor

(de Van Herridge, N4VGE)

Thank you to all the contributors to the Bulletin each month.

Famous Ham Radio Operator Spotlight for September

Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD



Walter Cronkite, with the callsign KB2GSD, was a notable ham radio operator and a strong advocate for the amateur radio community. In addition to Cronkite, many other famous people—including astronauts, actors, and politicians—have been involved in the hobby.

Cronkite was a long-time amateur radio enthusiast and supporter.

Advocacy: He narrated the 2003 film *Amateur Radio Today*, which explained the benefits of the hobby to the public. He also praised ham operators for providing backup

communications for emergency services during the September 11th attacks.

Awards: For his support of amateur radio, Cronkite received the prestigious Armstrong Award from the Radio Club of America and the President's Award from the ARRL.

His First QSO: On his first time on the air, he was mistaken for an impersonator by another ham, a story he and a friend laughed about for weeks.

Walter Cronkite, born in 1916, was a pioneering journalist and CBS news anchor known as "America's Most Trusted Man". His career spanned from covering World War II for [United Press](#) to anchoring

the [CBS Evening News](#) for three decades, where he famously reported on the Vietnam War and the moon landing. Cronkite was known for his dedication to accurate and impartial reporting, which cemented his reputation and influence on public opinion and even presidential decisions, such as [Lyndon Johnson](#)'s decision not to seek re-election. He married [Mary Elizabeth Maxwell](#) in 1940 and they had three children; he died in 2009 from cerebrovascular disease at age 92.

Early Life and Career

Birth and Education:

Born November 4, 1916, in St. Joseph, Missouri, Cronkite was raised in Houston, Texas.

Inspiration:

Inspired by a professional newspaperman, he pursued journalism, edited the high school newspaper at San Jacinto High School, and worked as a copy boy for the Houston Post.

United Press:

He joined United Press in 1937 and gained renown covering World War II in North Africa and Europe before covering the [Nuremberg trials](#).

Anchorman and the Space Race

CBS and The CBS Evening News:

Cronkite joined CBS in 1950 and began his lengthy career as an anchorman, eventually taking over the [CBS Evening News](#) in 1962.

Moon Landing:

He became a household name while anchoring live broadcasts of the Apollo space program, famously expressing his speechlessness as [Neil Armstrong](#) took the first steps on the moon in 1969.

Key Moments and Influence

Vietnam War:

Cronkite's 1968 editorial about the Vietnam War, calling for a negotiated end, significantly influenced public opinion and President Johnson's decision not to seek a second term.

Signature Sign-off:

He closed his newscasts with "And that's the way it is," a sign of his commitment to objective reporting that helped him stay at the top of the ratings.

Later Life and Legacy

Post-Retirement:

After retiring from CBS in 1981, Cronkite remained active, creating documentaries for the [Discovery Channel](#) and receiving numerous awards, including the [Presidential Medal of Freedom](#).

Death:

Cronkite died on July 17, 2009, in New York City, leaving behind a legacy as a foundational figure in broadcast journalism.

Other famous ham radio operators

Numerous public figures have also been hams. This is a partial list of some of the most well-known:

- Barry Goldwater (K7UGA): The five-term U.S. Senator and 1964 presidential candidate was a dedicated and highly respected ham.
- Marlon Brando (FO5GJ, KE6PZH): The legendary actor used amateur radio from his private island in Tahiti and held different callsigns over the years.
- King Hussein of Jordan (JY1): The late King was an active operator known for his warmth and willingness to speak with other hams, regardless of their social status.
- Joe Walsh (WB6ACU): The musician, most famous as a member of the Eagles, is a well-known enthusiast who has advocated for the hobby.
- Chet Atkins (WA4CZD): The iconic guitarist was also an avid amateur radio operator.
- Jean Shepherd (K2ORS): The author and radio broadcaster, best known as the narrator of *A Christmas Story*, was an active ham.
- Priscilla Presley (N6YOS): The film star and former wife of Elvis Presley was a licensed ham.
- General Curtis LeMay (W6EZV): A high-ranking U.S. Air Force general during World War II and the Cold War, he was famous for operating his radio while flying on bombers.
- Arthur Godfrey (K4LIB): A popular television and radio host from the mid-20th century, he was also a ham radio enthusiast.

Check SEDXC's website to see the latest club information.

www.sedxc.org

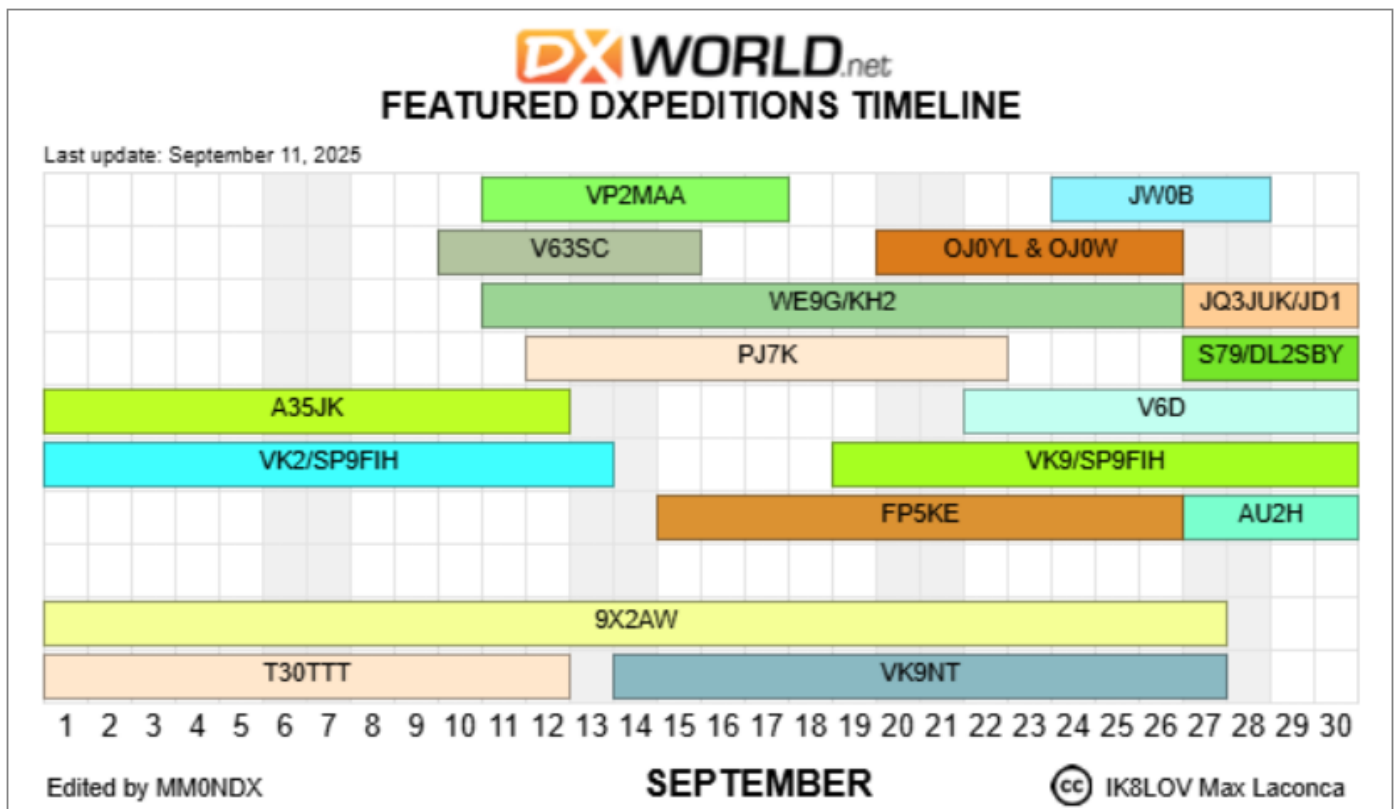
See link below for the SEDXC Bulletin from 25 years ago.

[September 2000 Bulletin](#)

See the end of this Bulletin for the SEDXC Bulletin from 25 years ago.

The DX World Calendar/Timeline for September 2025

The *DX World* Calendar features a timeline of all DXpeditions anticipated for the current month and is a great way to plan your chase for the next, All-Time New One (ATNO).



The Calendar is updated regularly; use this link to see the latest version:

[https://www.hamradiotimeline.com/timeline/dxw timeline 1 1.php](https://www.hamradiotimeline.com/timeline/dxw%20timeline%201%201.php)

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DX CLUB

September 2000

MEETING TIME & LOCATION Tues.,
Sept 19th, 7:30 PM, RadioShack.com, just
north on Buford Hwy north of 1-285.

We have a printable application form on the club
web site now if you know anyone that is inter-
ested in joining. Also note that students can join
for \$5 if they receive the bulletin via email.

I am still looking for pictures of members with
their stations to put on the web. We have several
there now. Please send as a JPEG file if possible. -
73 Mike, K4PI

FROM THE PRESIDENT

-Mike Greenway,
K4PI

Greetings to all... By the time you read this I would expect
that 10 M has been becoming more alive. Usually around
the autumn equinox, Sept 22, is when the changes start to
appear. Hopefully this fall/ winter season will be as good
as last year. This cycle is not going down in history for it's
high numbers.

We are just into our new club year so if you have not re-
newed yet and would like to join us for this year please let
us know as we would like to update our roster.

This is definitely the time to do the antenna work
prior to winter. Its time to put up that low band
receiving antenna that you have always been say-
ing you were going to do. Even for you city lot
dwellers there is the K9A Y model and the
flag/pennant models. Both of these have been in
QST and they are relatively simple to install. You
are probably going to need a receive preamp
though.

We were treated by having W4GTS attend the last
meeting even though he has recently had surgery
and also has moved to Athens to live with his
daughter. He hopes to get on the air from there.

SEDXC MINUTES 8/15/00

-Dale Nordin, K4HGG

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 by Mike —
K4PI with approx. 26 members and 3 visitors present
(JimKT4MM, W4JZS-Willis, 1 visitor from Binningham Ala.)
After introductions, Mike called for Old Business N4NX re-
ported on his progress concerning his appointment as a
DXCC card checker.

New Business:

Bob-K4UEE was voted on and approved as the
SEDXC candidate for DXHa11 ofFame. The only other per-
son nominated by the SEDXC was Carl Henson
— WB4ZNX

Bob K4UEE also informed us about his participation
in an upcoming DXpedition to Palmyra Island and then on
to Kingman Reef. He then solicited fund for the DXpedition.
The club passed a motion made by HarryW4KG and se-
conded by Nancy-NK4U to donate SOO towards the trip.
Fritz-KJ4T also donated \$60 towards the cause. The DXex-
pedition was expected to take place in October. Rumors
have been heard that the U.S. Navy may close access to

this location therefore this may be the last DXpedition to Kingman Reef.

Phil — W4GTS was in the hospital for cancer surgery and pleasantly surprised us by coming to the meeting. He is living in Athens with his daughter. Nancy-NK4U has resumed sending outgoing cards from club members and is soliciting a volunteer to permanently replace her.

The program was presented by Bob-K4UEE about his trip to Bhutan—A52. As usual Bob made an excellent presentation showing not only the ham equipment rigs, antennas etc., but also quite a number of pictures showing the people in their natural environment. After the presentation, two 1st day stamp covers from Bhutan supplied by Bob and Wes, W3WL, auctioned off with the money going to Glen Johnson and the A52 group [to help pay for the DXpedition. Our fearless leader was one of the winners of the envelopes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

TREASURERS REPORT

-Nancy Draheim, NK4U

The Treasury is holding its own. The August 31, 2000 balance was \$2293.83. A \$500 donation was made for the Kingman Reef DXpedition and no bills are outstanding. This leaves the Club with a balance of approximately \$868 after subtracting the packet, Southeastern Contesters Club and CQWW 160 contest accounts.

Remember, dues are past due. It's \$20 for an individual renewal and \$25 per family. We'll be purging the e-mail list next month, so if you want to stay with SEDXC, better

send in those dues. They can be sent to the PO Box or to me directly. I'm good in the callbook

73, Nancy NK4U Treasurer

OX TIDBITS

-Rick Glisson, N4XMX, editor

The bands have been hot, hot, hot! (to borrow a phrase) Had to drop by the house to catch the VK9XV. Seems he would only come on while I was at work! The nerve of him not consulting me ahead of time. Oh well, all in the game. Did get a backup contact on 17M Sunday morning. If my 70 card would ever count, that would be honor roll once the cards come in. It has been almost exactly 10 years since I started DXing. It's been quite a journey and I have learned a lot. Mostly how to break pileups.. :))

Speaking about breaking pileups, I had Dick Byrd, N4UQ did the WARC band conversion on my Alpha 76 PAE 3 holer. Dick did great work at a reasonable price and now I can burn some holes on 12M. Since Alpha has decided to stop making amps, you better hold on to what you have. If it needs fixing, talk to Dick. His webpage is www.jps.net/n4uq.

12M has been very active the last couple of weeks. I have worked over 30 countries, usually just



**Mike, K4PI,
running
the meeting**

**Welcome back
Phil, W4GTS!!!**

barefoot. I figure by next year when it's card time, I can turn in enough for DXCC on 12 too. Sunspots are not getting any higher, now's the time.

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CU in the pileups!

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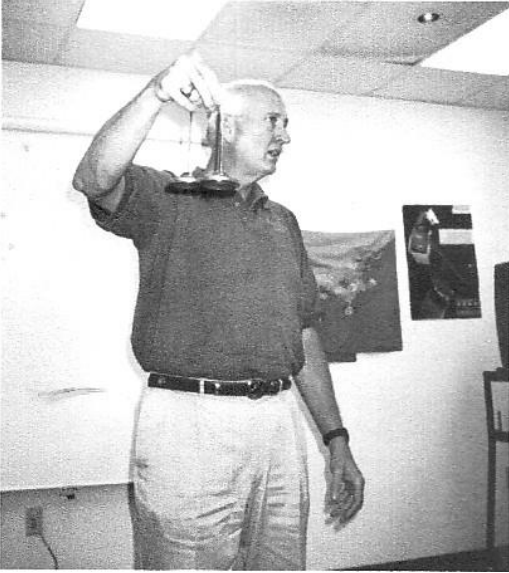


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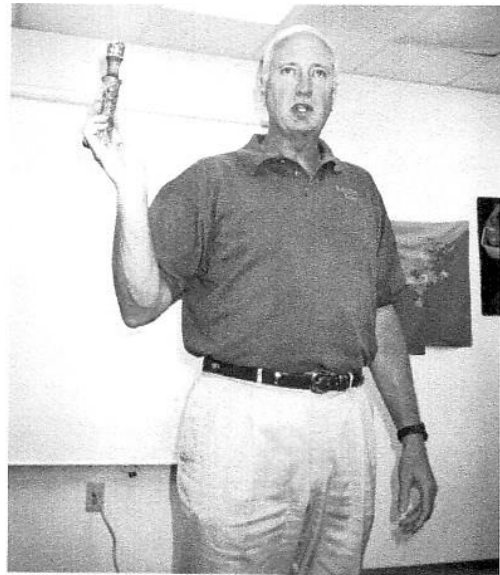
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Bob, K4UEE

Bob Wes

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Thanks to the whole A52A team for the new one!!



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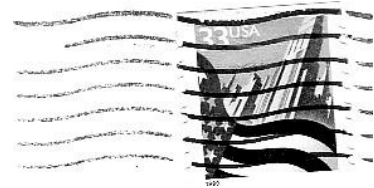
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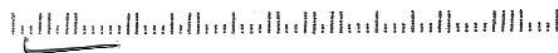
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06/30/2000 W4KJ

MEETING: September 19th Harry Saunders

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above 1-285*

Fill out the form completely and send it to: Treasurer.SEDXC@Gmail.com

Entity Name / Call Sign	Palestine / E44OM
Date of Application	19.8.2025
Approx. Date and duration of DXpedition	12.9.-23.9.2025
Web page	www.facebook.com/e44om qrz.com/e44om
Team leader / number of members:	OM2DX / 4
List name & call of each team member	Michal OM2DX Jan OM2IB Rado OM2ZZ Steve OM3RG
List DXpeditions that each team member above took part in	OM2DX - E4/OM2DX, YI9X,XV9DX,3W1M,3W6C,TO2DX,3D2XD, A32DX, FS/PJ5/5Z4 OM2ZZ - ACROSS THE EUROPE, FJ/FS/PJ5/PJ7 OM3RG - CT3/A4/TR/OK8RG OM2IB - 4X5IB and all are the contest members of various top contesting clubs in OK/OM ... OM7M, OM5M, OM8A, OK5W
QSL manager / QSL route <i>Please note that we request that you indicate if & how you will use the following:</i>	1. Clublog OQRS available 5,-EUR 2. Yes

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clublog OQRS direct option? Cost? 2. Free of charge bureau QSL? 3. Free of charge log upload to LOTW after the end of the DXPedition? How long after? 4. A single QSL sorting for SEDXC club members sent to Club POC? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Free upload after 12 months 4. yes
Funding amount requested – please attach budget & show team’s contribution	Each of the 4 operators contributes the equal share cca 1800 EUR (1000 accommodation, 800 plane ticket). The support we need is to mainly cover costly expenses with air cargo which is almost 4000,- EUR. Whatever little amount would help us to lower the cost of cargo.
Send Funds to:	Paypal om2dx@om2dx.com
Position on most wanted list – both global & North America – East Coast	Global: 77 NA-EC: 69
Landing permit/operating permission approved (attach copy).	License in hand, LoTW applied
Overview of antennas & equipment to be taken on DXPedition	5 TCVR, 3 amps, Spider beam from 40-10m, LP5 20-10m, 5el F9FT 6m, Kelemen 160/80m, verticals for 60/30m.
Last time(s) this entity was activated	2000
Typical interval between activations	Very difficult to get the license nowadays. Took us 10 month !
Method of transportation to DXPedition site	Plane, car

Your team's objective / strategy including social objective	To make as much QSOs as possible of course 😊
Callsign/Age of youngest Team member	
SEDXC member initiating request	
SEDXC member(s) participating, if any	no
SEDXC logo on QSL card & web page?	Of course
Additional comments:	

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Date published in the newsletter	
Review/analysis of SEDXC Club Leagues member sample (N=)	ATNO: Band Fills:
Results of member review at the meeting: (approved / disapproved) Recommendation \$_____	Recommended \$_____
Funds disbursed on date:	
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