



# Southeastern DX Club

## W4NT

THE SOUTH'S PREMIER DX CLUB

October 2012

### President's Report:

DX is fun. How do we get all those lurkers involved? It's not as easy as you might think. Just like the timidity in joining in on LOTW, we see the same in many trying to work some DX, or maybe a contest or two. You give out some hints, show some scores, and pass around some QSL cards. But come time to work the stations, they just don't show up. Let's all try to be a little more aggressive about bringing our friends into the fold. I think there's room for one or two more on the airways. And if they are younger than 45, you get 2 points.

HamJam is Nov 10th and it's free. This year HamJam will be at the Georgia Gwinnett College in Lawrenceville. We offset the costs with proceeds from the raffle and we'll have HamJam raffle tickets at the October meeting. And of course they are available on-line [www.hamjam.info](http://www.hamjam.info). Remember, SEDXC is partners with NFARL in making HamJam happen. Hope to see everyone there. We could use a few volunteers during HamJam. What would you do? We could use some help with registration, room setup and greeting visitors. Let me know if you can be there early and help with some of the chores.

Stone Mountain Hamfest is Nov 3 and 4. We'll have a table and look forward to seeing many of you there. This year we will be helping support the youth lounge by making a small donation. They could also use some adult help. They will be displaying HF, WinLink 2k, packet radio, a CW Bingo Contest and a Fox Hunt. We need to hook them while they're young. So if you think you want to help, let me know.

Wey has a great program lined up for this month. Care and Feeding of Rechargeable Batteries, Presented by: Jim Krause, AB4CZ

73 and Great DX  
Norm, WA4ZXV

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### Vice President's Report:

October's Program: Care and Feeding of Rechargeable Batteries



Our Speaker for the October meeting is Jim Krause, AB4CZ. Jim has been licensed since 1966. He is a graduate of Virginia Tech, and was employed by WRVA radio station in Richmond, VA until 1978. He has worked for International Tapetronics Corporation, Lanier Business Products, Intelligent Systems Corporation, and most recently Motorola Energy Systems Corporation. His hobbies besides amateur radio include motorcycle riding, photography, astronomy, working on cars, and designing electronic gadgets.

The 2012 DXpedition to Swains Island is history. I hope you worked them on lots of bands. In February of 2013, SEDXC member Joe Blackwell (AA4NN) will tell us all about this one. Here he is enjoying some NH8S coconut juice! SEDXC contributed to this DXpedition.



As I'm writing my contribution to this month's SEDXC Bulletin, the Conway Reef DXpedition (3D2C) is coming to a close. I hope you put that one in your log as well. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6EMZQ-i5wsE&feature=plcp> is a link to a brief video/audio of them on 15M SSB. I overheard this Op say the biggest problem they had was "ticks"(!). SEDXC contributed to this DXpedition.



HamJam 2012 is shaping up with all speakers locked-in. [www.hamjam.info](http://www.hamjam.info) has a complete list of speakers and door prizes. This year's meeting room will be configured for 500 attendees. If you have ham friends who've never been to HamJam, why not invite them to attend with you? Admittance is free. The tickets that are being sold are for the Door Prize drawings. Tickets sales have been brisk, and if you haven't gotten your tickets yet, they will be on sale at this

month's meeting. Net proceeds from HamJam fund ARRL Scholarships for Atlanta's deserving young hams who are headed to college.

HamJam 2012 takes the place of the November monthly meeting, and (hopefully) the Christmas Party replaces the December meeting.

Our January speaker will be Jim Stafford (W4QO), who will tell us how he "does DX".



Lots of "Good DX" on the air or coming before year-end! Time to increase those total DXCC entities worked and fill-in those needed band slots!

We are hard at work on meeting presentations for March 2013 and beyond. If you have an idea for a presentation that you believe club members would enjoy seeing, send an eMail to [k8eab@arrl.net](mailto:k8eab@arrl.net) or call me at (770) 205-6902.

73, Wey Walker-K8EAB  
Vice President

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## Secretaries Report:

No report this month.

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## Treasurer's Report:

SEDXC Financial position as of August 31, 2012

### Financial Report of Receipts and disbursements:

Beginning balance 8/1/12	\$8265.71
Receipts:	
Dues and raffle	500.00
Disbursements:	
ARRL Scholarship fund	600.00
Reimb N4NX for W4NT cards	75.00
Stone Mt. Hamfest table	75.00
Ending Balance 9/30/2012	\$8015.71

Don't forget, the club maintains a small inventory of IRC's which we sell for \$2.00 each. That's cheaper than the post office.

73 es dx  
Mike, ND4V

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## Activities Manager's Report:

The big event next month is the Georgia State Convention (Stone Mountain Hamfest) on November 3-4 held at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds. The doors are open Saturday from 8 AM-4 PM and Sunday from 8 AM-2 PM. See

[www.stonemountainhamfest.com](http://www.stonemountainhamfest.com) for details. The SEDXC will have a table and we need members to help both days. Slots are available! If you would like to volunteer, please see me at the meeting or email me at [aa4oc@arrl.net](mailto:aa4oc@arrl.net).

Cheers,  
Bill  
AA4OC

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## Balkans Bonanza

Roger Western, G3SXW, and Bob Allphin, K4UEE.

In September three crazy Travel-o-Holics visited four Balkans countries in three days and got on the air from each one of them. This was Bob K4UEE, John G4IRN and Roger G3SXW.

Bob flew in from Atlanta USA, then via Warsaw Poland to Sofia Bulgaria. John and Roger flew London to Sofia arriving at the same time as Bob. We were met by Dimiter LZ1AF who took us on a short afternoon tour of the city center. Sofia is majestic with many spectacular buildings including a stunning cathedral. We then checked into our hotel and within a few minutes were on the air with a battery-driven Elecraft K2 transceiver firing 15 watts into the four foot 'MP-1 SuperStick'. We each made some QSOs before enjoying a cool Bulgarian beer.



John G4IRN, Roger G3SXW, Bob K4UEE

That evening we were royally entertained by Rumen LZ1MS who is an ex Deputy Prime Minister of Bulgaria and now Professor of Economics at the University. By the way, all five attendees are members of FOC.

After breakfast on the second day we were met by our pre-booked car and driver to drive to Skopje Macedonia. This takes about three hours, driving due West but of course we don't miss a trick: the border with Serbia entailed only a ten-mile detour! Just inside that country we turned down a country lane and got on the air, again with the 15 watts and little whip. We each made one QSO on 20 metres then returned to the border, via a bar to enjoy a locally-made beer of course. We had been in Serbia for one hour!



Heading into Skopje we wondered what to expect. This city had been badly damaged during the Balkan war of only a few years ago but there was no sign of it: the city center is like any other modern European capital, although smaller. We checked in to our pre-booked hotel rooms and again set up the station: this takes all of two minutes to simply switch on and plug in a CW paddle! The tiny K2 has about two hour's battery life and takes about two hours to recharge the battery. We each operated until the battery died, allowing us to head to the bar. (You might sense a theme here – part of the fun is to sample the local beer and wine!). After a delightful dinner we headed to bed early, ready for a 4.30am wake-up call.

On the third day we flew disgustingly early with Croatia Airlines to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. We were permitted early check-in to our rooms so again were quickly on the air. As in Skopje we again threw a wire antenna out the window, sloping down to the ground. This was an end-fed half-wave dipole with transformer at the feed-point which worked very well, radiating a much better signal than the four-foot whip, of course. We each made a number of QSOs then visited the 'Homeland War' museum to learn much about the fight for independence from Yugoslavia. This was followed in the afternoon by a 90-minute bus-tour of the city. Zagreb is very impressive, just like any modern city in Switzerland or Germany – clean, neat, and very civilized with many fascinating buildings. We were also treated to a sizeable but peaceful protest march by Transport workers blowing shrill whistles. It's not just a British disease!

Throughout these travels we were impressed at how modern and developed all these countries have quickly become after the war and independence. Many folks don't speak English but all were friendly and welcoming. The cities are much less congested than London, clean, well-organized and with much history stretching back many centuries. They each have their own currency but Euros are widely accepted. We also learned about the cultural and ethnic differences in that region: Bulgars, Croats, Albanians, Slovenes, Serbs are all distinct groups. We did sense some antipathy towards Albanian Muslims.

Finally, another early morning departure saw Bob heading to Sweden via Denmark while John and Roger headed home to UK. It goes without saying that three pals on such a jaunt have terrific fun, laughing until it hurts, while seeing new and interesting places. A major impetus for such trips is the DXFC program ('Feet'). After Sweden Bob moved on to Norway so he scored EIGHT new European countries in just one week while John got four points and Roger two. We also collect QRV points for getting on the air from different countries: the four new ones put Roger up to a new total of 97, edging ever closer to that magic century!



(l to r) standing John G4IRN, Rumen LZ1MS; sitting Bob K4UEE, Dimiter LZ1AF, Roger G3SXW enjoying a splendid evening at the QTH of LZ1MS and XYL Elena LZ3RY.

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### **My Visit to Sweden and Norway By Bob Allphin-K4UEE**

After saying good bye to my two British travelling mates in Zagreb, I flew to Copenhagen. Denmark was a new DXFC for me and then on to Gothenburg, Sweden. I was met by FOCer SM6CNN and we went immediately to his home to see a very nice set-up, beside a beautiful lake. After about 50 QSOs on his K3 and Quad we were off to the Bi-annual DX Meeting in Karlsborg. This is sponsored by the Lake Wetteren DX Club (SK6WW). I met many fellas that I have worked over the years and was treated like royalty. I made three different presentations while there and fortunately everyone in that part of the world speaks excellent English, even some American. Sunday, I rode to Oslo with my 3Y0X teammate Erling LA6VM and Rag LA5HE. That night Erling and Elsa hosted a gathering of prominent DXers at their home. I met such notables as LA8XM, Trond and Kare, LA2GV. You old timers will recall that LA2GV and LA1EE were the first to activate Peter I and either first or second to activate Bouvet. We watched films of their Bouvet DXpedition and all promised to work hard on another activation in the near future. On Monday, Rag acted as my tour guide of Oslo. For me, the highlights were the museum dedicated to the Norwegian Resistance fighters during WW II and the

Kon Tiki museum. I believe that the book Kon Tiki inspired me to world travel, adventure and Ham radio....so seeing the actual balsa wood raft was a moment I shall never forget. Home on the following day. What a trip....8 new DXFC countries in 9 days, QRV from seven of them. I now have 120 DXCC entities that I have set "foot" in and have been QRV from 69. I know it sounds silly, but I want to see the world...and I ain't finished yet !

**Editor's Note: Where are the radio pictures?**

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Carl Dewhitt, KI5SF, will be making a short trip to KH6 land. Here is his itinerary.

I will be QRV as KH6/KI5SF from about 0000 UTC October 26-about 1000 UTC October 27, 2012.

Here are some frequencies ranges where club members can look for me during my Hawaii operation: SSB mode-160 meters(If I operate there) 1.850-1.900 80 meters -3.725-3.825 40 meters-**7.125-7.200** 20 meters-14.200-14.300 17 meters-18.110-18.168 15 meters-21.225-21.325 12 meters-24.930-24.990 10 meters-28.400-28.500 and 6 meters if it is open -50.125 -50.200. If I operate CW 160 meters -1.800-1.825 80 meters **3.525-3.575** 40 meters- **7.025-7.075** 30 meters - 10.100-10.125 20 meters-14.025-14.075 17 meters -18.068-18.110 15 meters-21.025-21.075 12 meters-24.890-24.930 and 10 meters-28.025-28.075.

I doubt I would operate CW on 6 meters and probably will not be on 60 meters at all.  
73,  
Carl  
KI5SF

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One of our members Rit Nesbitt, N4BNM is involved in a hearing for a Special Land Use Permit for his tower. Here is his story.

Today, I set in a hearing in Cobb County to approve a SLUP that would allow a 140 ft tower that is erected on my property to

remain on my property for amateur radio use. The planning council (led by an individual on the council) has said no, it should not be approved.

Please let me provide you with some background. This tower and antenna system was installed a few years ago without obtaining a SLUP (Special Land Use Permit). Cobb County says that it will allow an amateur radio at a height of 70 ft without a SLUP . The height for this proposed antenna installation is 140 ft in height. Based on PRB-1 this permit was excessive and should not be required. Therefore, it was not done so in this case.

The Cobb Planning Committee has ruled that its application should be rejected. Members can come out to the final planning session and voice their comments at 9:00 A.M. October 16, 2012. The final hearing will be held in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 2nd floor of the Cobb County Building A, 100 Cherokee Street, Marietta, Georgia.

Even if a person have no comments on this matter, it may be of important to the ham radio community as to how Cobb County handles radio related matters such as this.

Rit - N4BNM

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We have a request for DXpedition funding this month. The application is on the last two pages of the Bulletin.

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<b>Entity Name / Call Sign</b>	Solomon Islands H44KW
<b>Web page</b>	<a href="http://www.g3swh.org.uk/h44kw.html">www.g3swh.org.uk/h44kw.html</a>
<b>Team leader / number of members:</b>	Phil Whitchurch, G3SWH. Jim Kellaway, G3RTE
<b>Approx. Date and duration of Dxpediton</b>	From 18 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2013
<b>QSL manager / QSL route</b>	Via G3SWH
<b>Budget estimated for Dxpediton</b>	US \$9,400
<b>Position on most wanted list:</b>	#81 in Europe and #77 in North America
<b>Landing permit/operating permission approved.</b>	H44KW license obtained. Landing permission not required.
<b>Last time this entity was activated</b>	Limited current activity
<b>Typical interval between activations</b>	N/A
<b>Anyone planning to activate this entity before your DXpedition</b>	DL2GAC / H44MS in October / November 2012. SSB only
<b>Objective / Strategy</b>	Propagation permitting, we plan to have two stations on the air for as many hours every day as is possible. Our main objective is to work as many Asian, European, North American and RoTW stations on as many bands as possible. We have set an expedition target of 15,000 QSOs.
<b>Callsign/Age of youngest Team member</b>	G3SWH. 66
<b>SEDXC member initiating request</b>	N/A
<b>SEDXC member(s) participating</b>	N/A
<b>Funding amount requested</b>	US \$500
<b>Send Funds to:</b>	G3SWH
<b>SEDXC logo on QSL cards?</b>	Yes
<b>SEDXC logo on web page?</b>	Yes

**Additional comments: Bands of Operation: 80, 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres, concentrating on the HF and WARC bands. There will be no 160, 60, 6 metre or EME activity.**

**Phil Whitchurch, G3SWH has been licensed since 1963, is a member and past President of FOC (2003), a member of RSGB and the Chiltern DX Club (CDXC). A keen DX-er on CW only who has achieved DXCC Honour Roll status, he has operated as UI8A/G3SWH, GU6YB/P (IOTA EU-114), SV8/G3SWH (IOTA EU-067), F/G3SWH/P (IOTAs EU-039, EU-068, EU-094), BY1QH/G3SWH, 5H3/G3SWH, 5H1/G3SWH (IOTA AF-032), GJ3SWH/P (IOTA EU-099), FR/G3SWH (IOTA AF-016), 5Z4LI (IOTA AF-040), 9M6PWT (IOTA OC-088), 5Z4WI (IOTA AF-067), 4S7WHG/A (IOTA AS-003), 8Q7WH (IOTA AS-013), ZS1/G3SWH, 5R8HA (IOTAs AF-013, AF-057, AF-090), ZS1RBN (IOTA AF-064), FO/G35WH (IOTA OC-152), FO/G35WH/P (IOTA OC-063), V8JIM (IOTA OC-088), 5T0CW, VP2V/G6AY (IOTA NA-023), VP2MTE (IOTA NA-103), 8R1PW, FH/G3SWH (IOTA AF-027), VK9X/G6AY (IOTA OC-002), VK9C/G6AY (IOTA OC-003) and 3DA0PW. QSL manager for 9M0C (1998), D68C (2001), 8Q7ZZ (2002), XU7ACT & XU7ACU (2003), 5R8GZ, 9G5XA, TF4X and ZF2NT, amongst others.**

**Jim Kellaway, G3RTE has been licensed since 1962, is a member of FOC, RSGB, a past member of the IOTA Committee, a member of the Chiltern DX Club (CDXC) and of the GM DX Group, DXCC Honour Roll, (CW and Mixed), a keen DX-er on both CW and SSB, has operated as GI3RTE/P (IOTA EU-122), GJ3RTE/P (IOTA EU-099), G3RTE/P (IOTA EU-120), F/G3RTE/P (IOTAs EU-068 & EU-094), 5Z4LI (IOTA AF-040), 5Z4WI (IOTA AF-067), V8JIM (IOTA OC-088), 5T0CW, VP2V/G6AY (IOTA NA-023) and VP2MTE (IOTA-NA-103), 8R1PW, 3A/G3RTE, VK9X/G6AY (IOTA OC-002), IS0/G3RTE (IOTA EU-024) and TK/G3RTE (IOTA EU-014).**

**Each operator has a personal expenses budget of approximately GBP 3,000 (US \$4,700) to cover air fares, food and accommodation etc.**

**We do not anticipate any income other than sponsorship from individuals, DX clubs and organisations similar to yours. Each operator will be responsible for, and is happy to meet, his own expenses, but we are looking for sponsorship and donations towards our on-site living expenses, printing QSLs and the like. Any surplus will be equally distributed between the operators to offset their personal contributions.**