



Southeastern DX Club

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THE SOUTH'S PREMIER DX CLUB

November 2012

President's Report:

The holiday season is upon us. Of course that means contests, HamJam, Holiday Party, TechFest. Even though we don't have a regular meeting until January, I hope to see many of you before then.

Several members have been active in the preparation and execution of HamJam. We hoped to set a record for attendance and contributions to youth activities. And I want to thank everyone that has supported HamJam either working on the project or buying raffle tickets.

We had a good turnout at the Stone Mountain Hamfest. Several stayed close to the booth to help answer questions. Bill Tempel stuck it out for both days. Thanks Bill.

Next is Holiday party, then TechFest.

I've seen the rechargeable battery program by Jim Krause, AB4CZ, several times. I learn something new each time. Thanks Jim for the interesting program.

Holiday party information is on the web site. We're definitely having the event. The restaurant will make the appropriate space available to match our turnout. We do need your reservations as soon as possible so we know what space to ask for. This type of holiday party is new to SEDXC, if you have comments or suggestions about future holiday party planning, please pass them on.

We're looking for something to use as a theme for TechFest. It would be some aspect of DX that we might highlight for the day. Any ideas?

HamJam was a great success. The presenters were terrific and the facility was about perfect. Turnout was a little low. Not sure if its location, subject matter or just a busy Saturday morning. I'm sure that it was a financial success. Thanks everyone that participated in planning, execution and purchasing of raffle tickets.

73 and Great DX

Norm, WA4ZXV

Vice President's Report:

HamJam 2012 was held at Georgia Gwinnett College on Saturday, November 10, 2012. Our three speakers were interesting and informative, and Master-of-Ceremonies Bob Allphin (K4UEE) did a great job as usual. I had the pleasure of escorting Steve Galchutt (WGØAT – a.k.a “The Goathiker”) during his visit to Atlanta. Steve's hiking and portable Ham Radio operating adventures with his two pet goats Rooster and Peanut are well documented on YouTube. Go to YouTube and search for “Goathiker” (no quotes).





On the Friday before HamJam, Steve and I rendezvoused with Christian Kuhtz – AK4VV and Dick Bentley – K2UFT and drove to a trailhead north of Helen Georgia. From there the four of us hiked to the summit of Tray Mountain, GA and set-up two stations for a SOTA (Summits On The Air) activation. Using the Special Event call-sign WSØTA, the team gave out about 65 SOTA QSOs to “chasers”. They even worked several EU DX stations. My YouTube video of Tray Mountain SOTA ops can be seen here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iYbzhgRd7ZQ&feature=plcp>

The weather was outstanding and band CONDX were good. While it was clear that Christian, Dick, and I were poor substitutes for Rooster and Peanut, you should be able to tell from the video how much fun we had.

The Summits On The Air (SOTA) web site is here:

<http://www.sota.org.uk/>

HOW'S DX?

The Saint Peter & Saint Paul Rocks DXpedition is now on the air.



The PTØS web site is here:

<http://pt0s.com/>

The Campbell Island DXpedition is due on the air later this month.



The ZL9HR web site is here:

<http://www.campbell2012.com/>

My sincere thanks to the HamJam 2012 Committee members from SEDXC and NFARL whose diligent work helped make this year's event a resounding success! We expect that our two organizations will once again make significant contributions to deserving ham scholarships and Youth Ham Radio events.

<http://hamjam.info/>

Please note there was no monthly SEDXC meeting this month due to HamJam.

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SEDXC Vice President

25, 50, and 75 Years Ago in QST (October 2012)

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

QST publishes a column every month towards the back of the magazine that highlights from issues 25, 50, and 75 years ago. Now that the QST archive is online, it's really worth taking a look at these articles. Here are a few that caught my eye in October:

October 1937

* Modernizing the Simple Regenerative Receiver

(http://p1k.arrl.org/pubs_archive/19076) by Vernon Chambers, W1JEQ. This a nicely-designed and built regen using two tubes, a 6K5 pentode and 6C5 triode. I'm going to keep this design in mind if I ever get around to playing with all the tubes I have. As an aside, I searched on W1JEQ's call sign and found out that he wrote 87 articles for QST from 1936 through February 1958. This was his third article.

* Concentrated Directional Antennas for Transmission and Reception

(http://p1k.arrl.org/pubs_archive/19078) by John L. Reinartz, W1QP, and Burton T. Simpson, W8CPC. This article describes two different antennas. The first is a half-wave loop antenna that the author says works on 2-1/2, 5, 10, and 20m. The second is a square loop antenna called a "signal squirter" for 14 Mc.

October 1962

* In "New Apparatus"

(http://p1k.arrl.org/pubs_archive/46246) on page 27, a key made by J. A. Hills, W8FYO, of Dayton, OH is shown under the heading, "New Key Mechanism for Electronic Keyers." The photo clearly shows a key whose design was adopted by Bencher for the BY-1 paddle.

* The Towering Problem

(http://p1k.arrl.org/pubs_archive/46122) by Jay Kay Klein, WA2LII clearly shows that putting up towers have always been a problem for amateur radio operators. This is a humorous take on the problem. What's

notable is that this type of humorous article almost never appears in QST anymore. Amateur radio seems to have lost its sense of humor, or at least its cadre of humorous writers.

October 1987

* Stalking Those Fugitive Components (http://p1k.arrl.org/pubs_archive/81357) by Doug DeMaw, W1FB. Today, we often complain about the demise of local parts suppliers, but this article shows that this was a problem 25 years ago as well. W1FB gives some advice that I gave not long ago on my blog. That is, stock up on parts, especially when you find a good deal on them, and you won't have to scrounge around for them when you want them.

Digitizing all of the back issues of QST and putting them online is one of the things that the ARRL has done right. This is a wonderful resource for members. If you have a favorite QST article I'd love to hear about it. Please send me the title and the month it was published.

A few years ago I was able to get a copy of QST from September 1933! It is certainly interesting to read the magazine that was published the month and year I was born.

So—next time you "Old Guys" are strolling around the boneyard book stalls look for an issue that was published the month and year you were born.

Jim K4DLI

That's it for this month.

Hope everyone has a HAPPY THANKSGIVING and remember there is no meeting in December either.

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