



Bulletin



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From the Pres

Wey K8EAB

Three new members joined SEDXC last month.



The SEDXC welcomes (l-r): **Don Jones**, K4GO (Social Circle, GA), **Truman Robison**, KJ4NMO (Good Hope, GA), and **Frank Hobbs**, KN4QJ (Loganville, GA) became members of the SEDXC at the Stone Mountain Hamfest.

Welcome aboard, gentlemen!

Happenings

The Stone Mountain Hamfest is now history. We sincerely thank all those members who volunteered to man the SEDXC table ... the traffic was brisk at the table, probably because it was so cold out in the Bone Yard! Bill Barr N4NX did his usual QSL card checking for several hours.

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Veep's Report

Vaden NN4K

Last Month's Meeting



Our program was an Internet video presentation "Update on the Top Most Wanted 20 - 25 DXCC" by Bernie McClenny, W3UR. A lot of good, current information was presented and appreciated by the members present. The success of this webcast enlarges our possibilities for future programs/speakers. I would like to ask for any suggestions of hams to contact who could do webcasts for our meetings on topics we like to learn about.

This Month's Meeting

The November program on the 20th takes us back to earlier times in the history of the South East DX Club. Ken Byers, K4TEA, and John Harden, W4NU, will give us their memories and recollections of members and activities covering a span of about 50 years. During that time a lot of skilled hams led the club and helped produce the type of club we have today. I'm sure you'll see images of members, scenes of activities and DXpeditions. History makes us appreciate the significance of the SEDXC and encourages us to continue and contribute to it's future with our best efforts.

Thanks to Ken and John for sharing their knowledge of the past which some of us missed.

Future Programs:

December. No program as we will meet for our Christmas/Holiday Party instead. See info in Wey's column.

From the Pres (cont.)

This year's HamJam promises to be another very interesting half-day. The date is Saturday, November 8th, from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Details are here: <http://www.hamjam.info/>.

Gael and Chaz Cone are beginning their preparations for the annual SEDXC Holiday Party. If you are planning to attend, you should already have signed up. Go here for the latest details: www.Sedxc.org/dinner2014.htm.



The Hamshack Workbench (Redux)

Many of our members have adopted the Anderson PowerPole connectors for power supplies and rigs. Whether crimped or soldered, these connectors speed 12-VDC connections in the shack or the field and virtually eliminate polarity errors.

A company named Hardened Power Systems has introduced two new products that can help hams mount PowerPole connectors into a chassis. Anderson AutoGrips, now available in a single or double mounting configuration, provide solid mounting for PowerPole connectors. Info is here:

<http://www.portableuniversalpower.com/our-products/anderson-autogrips/>

I recently used their 4-way AutoGrip to add 2 pairs of Anderson PowerPole connectors to my Samlex SEC-1235M power supply. Here is the before and after pix.



My YouTube video is here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qPQJ_Y9KH0s

I have no connection with Hardened Power Systems ... I use and like their AutoGrip products.

This is my last "DIY Shack Improvement Project" ... I promise ...

DX Is

The Tromelin Island DXpedition is over and hopefully those of us who needed FT4 for an ATNO can see our call signs in their

online log: <https://secure.clublog.org/charts/?c=FT4TA>

There is nothing like a rare DXCC entity to bring out the worst behavior and operating practices one can imagine. K6VVA made this video 11 months ago ... see if you agree as to why the pile-ups are so dysfunctional: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=svLlfrFA-1E>

NOTE: DXpedition operators often are the main reason for the chaos.

By now, everyone knows that we soon will hear Navassa Island on the air. Bob-K4UEE, George-N4GRN, and Gregg-W6IZT recently inventoried gear that came back from the FT5ZM DXpedition as they begin preparing for K1N. They were assisted by Wes-W3WL, Randy-K4ODL, Ron-K4DS, and Wey-K8EAB. A short video is here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=u86nglgw7Tg

Lots of DXpedition activity is in the planning & fund-raising stages. Cold, wet weather is ahead for the next few months ... perfect weather for antenna maintenance!

If you missed the SEDXC's 50th Anniversary Dinner Party, you will have a chance to hear a re-cap of the past and how the SEDXC got to where it is today at the November meeting. Our two speakers are long-time club members and accomplished DX'ers.

VP Vaden McDonald – NN4K continues his work to secure speakers for future meetings. Your suggestions concerning potential speakers or other meeting related events are always welcome.

Please remember we need your contribution for the door prize table at the meeting. Ask your XYL to help you decide what to donate.

73 and Good DX!

Wey K8EAB ❖

Activities Chairman

Thanks to all who volunteered at the Southeastern DX Club table at the Lawrenceville Hamfest. Despite the wind chill, it was well attended and well enjoyed.

Ham Radio Outlet, our local retail amateur radio vendor and a SEDXC supporter, will be holding its annual "Manufacturer's Day" on Saturday, November 15th. Be sure to come by and support HRO by attending this fine event. Representatives from various manufacturers will be present and there will be lots of goodies and prizes available to those attending.

John N4TOL ❖

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Veep's Report (cont.)

January. We will have a webcast by W4DKS, Dan Sullivan, bringing us up to date on IOTA and the potential DX activities they provide. Recently there was a posting of a URL about the Russian Robinson Club. It is listed here again as it adds interesting video of IOTA (Islands on The Air) expeditions.
<http://www.m0urx.com/3-M0URX/520-history-of-russian-robinson-club.html>

HOW'S DX?

For summaries of DXpeditions look at: ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html also,

FT4TA, Tromelin Island is on and creating widespread pileups with various modes. The sedxc reflector is showing more and more SEDXC members having success for an ATNO. Good luck putting this DXpedition in your log.

K1N, Navassa Island activation news is set for January 2015. **FIVE** members from our SEDXC will be on the team. Congratulations to Bob, K4UEE, and his team for winning the opportunity to give us one of the most needed entities.

See you in the pileups!

Vaden NN4K ❖

Treasurer's Journal

Balance as of Nov 3: \$10,264.
Expenses this month: \$500 paid to Tromelin DXPed.

Jeff K1ZN ❖

DXpedition Funding Request

Entity Name / Call Sign	Navassa Island/K1N
Web page	www.navassadx.com
Team leader / number of members:	Co-leaders K4UEE/W0GJ Team of 15 total
Approx. Date and duration of DXpedition	Last two weeks of January 2015
QSL manager / QSL route	N200
Budget estimated for DXpedition	\$315,000
Position on most wanted list:	#1 on ClubLog
Landing permit/operating permission approved.	Yes
Last time this entity was activated	1993
Typical interval between activations	USFWS says at least 10 years
Anyone planning to activate this entity before your DXpedition	No way!
Objective / Strategy	100,000 QSOs and 30,000 uniques
Callsign/Age of youngest Team member	K5AC 51 years
SEDXC member initiating request	Bob Allphin K4UEE
SEDXC member(s) participating	5
Funding amount requested	\$2000
Send Funds to:	The Kp1-5 Project @ K4UEE QTH
SEDXC logo on QSL cards?	Yes
SEDXC logo on web page?	Yes
Additional comments: We have been working on this since 2000. Had a breakthrough in 2009 with K5D and now Navassa. Spent \$14,000 in the last 14 months alone. Very expensive operation due to the need to use Helicopters for personnel and equipment transport from Kingston, Jamaica. Many roundtrips.	

Dear Southeastern DX Club:

From the SEISA/FGC Group, led by Zorro-JH1JHT:

Request a sponsorship for a Dxpediton in late February/early March 2015. We will proudly display your logo on our website and QSL cards.

Entity Name / Call Sign: Eritrea as E3A.(requested callsign)

Exact dates will be announced very soon.

Web Page: Will be live very soon.

Number of members: (12) (Multi-national Team)

- JH1AJT- Zorro, Team Leader
- JA1TRC- Jay, Co-Leader and QSL Manager
- N6PSE - Paul (USA point of contact)
- K3LP- David.
- DJ9ZB- Franz (Europe point of contact)
- RA9USU-Dimitri
- PY5CC-Peter
- JH1NBN-Yuki
- PJ4DX-Steve
- VR2KF-Kazu
- There will be two additional team members.

QSL manager / QSL route: QSL via JA1TRC

Jay S. Oka
1-2-4 Nishi-Sakawa
Odawara-shi, Kanagawa 256-0817
Japan

Budget estimated for Dxpediton \$100,000 USD total. Position on most wanted list: # 17 (Clublog) #15 (DX Magazine) First Major Dxpediton to Eritrea since 2000.

Will be on 160M - 6M and with CW, SSB and RTTY.

We will work all HF bands/modes. We will make every effort to work the most difficult areas. Radio License/operating permission has been granted.

We have the support and blessing of the Government of Eritrea.

Anyone planning to activate this entity before your DXpediton. NO

Initiating request Paul Ewing-Co-Team Fundraiser-USA. E-mail Address: paul@n6pse.com
How to Donate:

Via PayPal to yzorrom3830@seisa.ed.jp (preferred method)

Or via check payable to:

Intrepid-DX Group c/o Paul S Ewing
3052 Wetmore Dr
San Jose, CA 95148 USA

Your logo on QSL cards? **Yes**

Your logo on web page: **Yes**

Thank you.

Sincerely:

Paul S. Ewing N6PSE

Expedition Team Member/Fundraising USA.

Entity Name / Call Sign	Iran /EP6T
Web page	http://www.rockall.be
Team leader / number of members:	ON4HIL – 10 members
Approx. Date and duration of Dxpediton	15/1 – 28/1 2015 12 days
QSL manager / QSL route	Tim Beaumont MØURX P.O. Box 17 Kenilworth Warwickshire CV8 1SF ENGLAND
Budget estimated for Dxpediton	\$ 38.000
Position on most wanted list:	#30 (DX-magazine 2013) #34 Clublog)
Landing permit/operating permission approved.	yes
Last time this entity was activated	Every week
Typical interval between activations	
Anyone planning to activate this entity before your DXpediton	no
Objective / Strategy	See attachment for more details
Callsign/Age of youngest Team member	ON7RU 41 years young
SEDXC member initiating request	no
SEDXC member(s) participating	no
Funding amount requested	?
Send Funds to:	Name: Rockall Fortis BNP Parisbas IBAN: BE05 0016 3249 8175 BIC : GEBABEBB
SEDXC logo on QSL cards?	Yes
SEDXC logo on web page?	Yes
Additional comments: See other attachment for more details.	