



# Bulletin



November 2020

## From the Prez



Dick K5TF

This has certainly been a year unlike any other with the worldwide pandemic and the many ways of coping with it and to prevent further spread. The SEDXC has been impacted directly by these with highly restricted limits on visitors to Piedmont Hospital where we have been privileged to meet monthly for many years, thanks to member W4TE, Dr. Jim Kauten. When, and if, we will at some point be able to resume our meetings in Piedmont's Rich Auditorium remains an unknown, now, and probably into the foreseeable future.

We have adapted, however, utilizing ZOOM Video Conferencing since June to enable us to meet virtually. We have now held five monthly meetings via ZOOM, attended by from 29 to 39 attendees from Metro Atlanta, North and South Georgia, the nearby states of AL, TN, and NC, and other states including NV, PA, NY, and a vacationing member in Maine! The ZOOM format has worked well for us thus far.

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## This Month's Meeting

Date/Time: Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom Telemeeting

Info: [www.sedxc.org](http://www.sedxc.org)

Topic: Superstations in Your Log

Speaker: Ignacy, NO9E

## VP's Corner



Mike ND4V

Zoom in Thursday Nov. 19 for a visit to some of the superstations that appear many times in your log. Ignacy, NO9E will give us reports from his visits to several well-known stations, including RL4A, ON4UN, S57DX and 9A1A. Lots of photos!

Thanks to Bob K4UEE for taking us with him on his visits to the Pacific last month.

Next month (Dec) we will hear from the editor of the DailyDx, Bernie K3UR. I am hopeful that the slight uptick in sunspots will give Bernie some DX activity to talk about.

All of these meetings will be via Zoom. Watch your email for a blast from Chaz with the program id.

I hope everyone survived hurricane Zeta. At our house, we had a few small limbs down and evidently the pine trees got out of sync with their swaying. Something rubbing the rope supporting my OCF dipole chewed the rope in two and down she came. Only a block away folks weren't so lucky. A couple of huge trees fell on houses and up the street across power lines. The entire city was without power at one time.

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## From the Prez (cont.)

In addition to those who have joined in our meetings from out-of-state, the format has enabled our members who live in the outer communities in our large metropolitan region who have previously been unable to attend, think traffic, to join us.

My hat is off to all who have worked so hard to pull this off, and thanks for your on-going efforts.

73,

Dick K5TF ❖

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## Treasurer's Journal

Balance on hand as of 10/1: \$15,785.

Activity this month –

- Received a refund from LA7GIA due to cancellation of JX0X DXpedition
- Website rental via Chaz \$14.49
- Donated \$150 to TX0T – VE3LYC Cezar IOTA DXpedition.

73 and stay safe,

Jeff K1ZN ❖

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CQ Worldwide CW follows the weekend of November 28. Info can be found [here](#).

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## Around the Shack de N4GG



### U-Posts—A Bargain at \$5

Around N4GG I have been using U-posts for years. What's a U-post you might ask? Those posts that hold up stop signs? Those are U-posts. The metal is shaped somewhat like a U, which gives it strength.

U-posts come in all sizes. A few of the many available are shown in Figure 1. The photo was taken on the floor of my nearby Lowes. They and Home Depot carry a nice selection. Sizes run from 18 inches all the way up to 12 feet in length. The price might be the best part. Many are under \$5.

Installing U-posts is a brute force activity. Banging them in with a sledge hammer works – a block of wood between the post and the hammer will keep the top of the post from mushrooming. A level is helpful in getting them in straight.

I have two uses for U Posts: 1) as a tie-down point for antennas like an inverted V or an inverted L; and, 2) as a post to anchor fiberglass or PVC supports and/or masts. I have seen stations with a long row of them keeping a Beverage antenna a few feet off the ground. The tall ones can be used to keep tie points well above ground level.



Fig. 1  
U-Posts at Lowes

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## VP Corner (cont.)

Super job by the power crews in getting the five main Norcross circuits back on the grid. Glad that was the extent of it and hope you fared well.

73 es gud DX!

Mike ND4V ❖

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## Club Communications

SEDXC Webpage: [www.sedxc.org](http://www.sedxc.org)  
SEDXC Chat Room: details on webpage  
SEDXC Reflector: details on webpage

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## Around the Shack (cont.)

Pictures tell the story – see the figures.



**Fig. 2**

The tie-point for one end of an 80 meter inverted V at N4GG, including a tensioning weight (one brick). Yes, it's ugly.



**Fig. 3a**

(3A, 3B, 3C) The tie-point for one end of a K9AY loop. The loop wire ties off to the top of a PVC pipe with 20 lb. fishing line. Total cost <\$5.



**Fig. 3b**



**Fig. 3c**  
K9AY Loop Tie-point



**Fig. 4**  
A large U-post supports the 25' fiberglass Center support and control box for the K9AY loop at N4GG. The control box is taped to the U-post—low tech but it works.



**Fig. 5a**



**Fig. 5b**

(5 a, 5b) A U-post and PVC pipe support the down-lead and balun of a folded dipole. The balun is a 6:1 – it transforms the 300 ohm feedline to 50 ohms for a coax run to the shack.

You get the idea. These things are useful, inexpensive and readily available.

73,

Hal N4GG ❖

## DXpedition Funding Requests

*None at this time--Editor*



# SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

*THE  
SOUTH'S  
PREMIER  
DX CLUB*

November 1995

## **NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION**

**Tuesday, November 21st, 7:30 PM, Old Hickory House in the Days Inn, Roswell Rd., just inside I-285.**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**-Steve Schmidt, KR4DL, President**

Thank goodness we haven't had any more hurricanes this month. I hope everyone has repaired and recovered from Opal. I repaired my wire antenna; now I have a dipole and EWE which seem to work very nicely on 160 meters. I'm still compromised on 80 and 40 meters, but I suppose we can't have it all. More business in this month's column.

Some of you may have noticed announcements about WRTC-96 (the second World Radiosport Team Championship) to be held in San Francisco the weekend of July 13 and 14, 1996 in conjunction with the IARU HF World Championship. Our club has been selected (based on rankings and point totals in past major contests) to select a Team Leader for one of the two-person teams to compete. The Team Leader would then be responsible for selecting a Partner from the same country. To emphasize that these are national teams and not a club competition, the Team Leader may not choose a partner from the same club. The Committee is looking for team members who have won major contests at the world, continent, country or zone level. They will be competing against some of the best contesters in the world. Entrants are responsible for their own transportation to San Francisco where the WRTC-96 Committee will provide them housing, meals, local transportation, and access to station locations.

I have already heard from one member of the club who is interested in being selected as a Team Leader. If any others are interested, we need to hear from you soon. The club membership also needs to determine the method for selection of the Team Leader allocated to our club. Please bring your ideas to the next meeting; I will have copies of the latest articles

and information related to WRTC-96. There are opportunities for more than one of you to participate, either by being selected as a partner by another Team Leader, or by applying as a wild card team leader or partner.

On a related note, some of you have noticed that I have been attempting to recognize some top contest efforts by club members. They say no good deed goes unpunished; I will say that it has been very difficult and time-consuming to pore over pages of contest results to find and verify club members, especially those operating from foreign countries and in multi-op efforts. That is not a sufficient excuse for some rather significant oversights. To those that were omitted from recognition, I humbly apologize. Now that you know my limitations, please help me by sending me, in advance, those efforts which you think bear recognition. You can leave me notes on the packetcluster, on the internet (KR4DL@AOL.COM), or on my telephone answering machine.

See you Tuesday night. -73, Steve, KR4DL

## **FROM THE VP**

**by Sonny Marsh, KE4LDJ, VP**

Hello everyone. Hope all of you had good luck in the contest. I missed the whole thing because of a hunting trip.

The next meeting should be one of the most entertaining of the year. Two members of the XRØY (Easter Island DXpedition) will tell us their story. They promise a multi-media extravaganza. Bob, K4UEE, and Wes, W8FMG, will present the material in a "Bob & Ray" type format with humor abounding. This should be lots of fun so don't miss it. Hope to see you there.

-73, Sonny, KE4LDJ

**Paul Wolfe, AD4AQ SK**

October 5, 1995

## Paul Wolfe, AD4NQ Silent Key

Paul had been an amateur for some time. With a Zepp antenna and a homebrewed antenna tuner, he made many contacts, and many friends, on CW. He was filled with real ham spirit. He stood in the rain and mixed concrete with Dan, N4DVW, pouring the base for Dan's tower. Even after twenty years of wire antennas with 100 watts, he was still so excited about our hobby that he pressed some of us into it.

An ardent fan of CW, he prodded (like any good elmer) and pushed a few of us to higher code speeds. Then he good-naturedly competed with us for DX. He enjoyed the fellowship of the hams, the DXer's, the contesters that he met through the Southeastern DX Club. He wanted to be able to compete with them. To be more competitive, he felt he needed to upgrade. The license was the easy part. Well, perhaps the 20 wpm code test took some work, but little money. He studied and practiced and had his extra class license in November of '93. It was going to help him work DX. So many of the good ones lurked down in that extra portion of the CW band.

He still liked the Zepp and would hang on for hours during the 10 meter contest, even in the low ebb of the sunspot cycle. But a wire antenna wasn't much good for working the tough ones. What he needed was a beam! Something that would help him crack the pileups, work some new ones, improve his level of competition. He needed a tower. He had to scrimp and save to buy it. With four children, including a new baby, money was tight. His wife was working part-time, spending the rest of her time with the kids. A family man, he loved this hobby, but would never put it in front of his family. Being a quiet, unassuming sort of guy, he just started saving what he could.

It took much perseverance, but he finally got his tower, and he was proud of it. He homebrewed his own 20 meter monobander from an older antenna. He had to cut several trees to install the tower and antenna, woke up several times during the night and checked on it during hurricane Opal. He was relieved and happy when it survived the storm unscathed.

Always striving for perfection, he felt the antenna needed some slight adjustments. Nothing major, just a little job he could do by himself. He borrowed a friend's climbing belt and started up the tower after church while the wife and kids were busy with other errands. He tinkered with the antenna.

Perhaps he needed to reach out another inch. Maybe it was to get a bit more leverage with the wrench on a nut. No one knows why his belt was disconnected; there was no one else around. Paul Wolfe, AD4NQ, ex-N4AIM, died Sunday, November 5th, 1995 from injuries sustained in a fall from his tower, and we will miss him.

73, dear friend. SK

K2UFT, KR4DA, KR4DL, KR4UJ, N4DVW

*A fund is being arranged for Paul's children. Any contribution would be gratefully accepted. Please send donations to the following address: Paul David Wolfe Children Educational Fund, C/O Mark Layng, 4814 Highway 78, Suite 9A, Lilburn, Georgia 30247.*

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

-Nancy Draheim, NK4U

Balance 9/30/95 (Checkbook)	<u>\$2692.90</u>
Income:	<u>\$233.00</u>
Expenses:	
Stone Mountain Hamfest table	105.00
Door prizes	49.05
Bank Charges	10.45
CEØZ	35.00*
Packet cluster	110.25**
Balance Checking 10/31/95	<u>\$2616.15</u>

\* This donation was from funds collected for the CEØZ DXpedition and was not from the SEDXC account. Even though I had written \$35 in the checkbook, the actual amount collected was \$80 and I am awaiting Bob's return to verify whether the mistake was my entry into the checkbook or whether I owe him more \$\$

\*\* This leaves the Packet cluster account with a balance of \$1188.75.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting.

73, Nancy NK4U

## BEEPS DE K2UFT

**-Dick Bentley, K2UFT, Activities Director**

AD4NQ - SK I'm mostly gonna miss shooting the breeze with Paul after the DX meetings, our conversations covering everything from technical stuff at which he was a wizard to stories about the family he was so proud of. Grip, KR4DA will be announcing a memorial fund on behalf of Paul's family - hope you will be able to make a contribution when the time comes.

Turn in your October BAND OF THE MONTH score sheet at the next meeting or send me the summary on the DX Packet system. The band for November is 160 meters, time to tweak up your station for the winter's activities.

Thanksgiving time brings my favorite test, CQWW CW, although the choice of a different weekend would lead to easier time negotiations on the home front. Put in an effort, large or small, and be sure to contribute your score to the SEDX Club and help us move higher in the standings. Frankford can't possibly best us forever, we proved that in 1993 in the CQWW 160 Test.

-73 Dick, K2UFT

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## MINUTES, SEDXC MEETING 10/17/95

**-Buddy Harrell, W4OUN, Sec.**

### Minutes From October Meeting Held 10/17/95

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30PM. As part of the introductions, everyone was given the opportunity to relate any problems or unusual experiences related to Hurricane Opal. Experience ranged all the way from no damage/no power loss to extensive damage/6 days power outage. Apparently the hardest hit antenna-wise was the aluminum curtain of K4JPD. President Clinton visited the site and immediately declared it a federal disaster. \$10 million dollars in government funds has been pledged to rebuild the facility.

It was motioned, seconded, and approved that the minutes from the last meeting be accepted.

OLDBUSINESS The club applied for and received the seal designating SEDXC as a special services club. A question before the group is, "does anyone have the original certificate?"

The club contest was discussed by Dick Bentley. Look in the bulletin for further details and score sheet.

W4MPY is offering to print SEDXC QSL cards. Samples and prices were made available.

NEWBUSINESS: The Alford Radio Club Hamfest is coming up soon. Volunteers are needed for manning the SEDXC booth. See Nancy for details.

The CEØZ Dxpedition needs additional funds. SEDXC members were on the expedition. Nancy will take your donation if you want it credited to the SEDXC.

Membership drive - there was discussion relative to having a drive to recruit additional members. This would be especially welcome during the upcoming contest season. Any ideas. Be prepared to discuss next time. New meeting place? There continues to be interest in moving the meetings to another place. Get any ideas to Steve.

December meeting - The December meeting will fall on December 18, one week before Christmas. What do we want to do? Be prepared to discuss next time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The booth at the Japanese Ham Fair received quite a writeup in the Japanese ham press. Thanks to Kyoshi for providing this opportunity for some good publicity. Carl Henson is in Yemen trying to get permission to operate. It appears he will be unable to operate this trip but perhaps at some time in the future. Look for him and Martha to operate from Eritrea. Heard Island - it appears will qualify for funds based on its status in the most wanted countries list. Shirley and Dale are moving to Texas. Good luck. We will miss you.

PROGRAM: A very informative and interesting program was presented on the Atlanta Olympic Broadcasting plans.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

-73 & DX, Buddy W4OUN

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## CLUB SCORES

**-Steve, KR4DL**

The following Southeastern DX Club members were listed prominently in the scoring for these contests:

1995 ARRL DX CW Contest: P4ØR (Bob, K4UEE op.) was, basically, 1st in the world with 4,976,016 points from Aruba using high power.

1995 ARRL DX Phone Contest: 9A1A (Charles, WA4IMC op. in multi-multi) 1st in the world with 2,112,462 points. Charles made all the contacts on 20 and 160 meters for this operation. (I missed these last month and yes, I'm embarrassed.) CONGRATULATIONS!!!