



Southeastern DX Club

W4NT

THE SOUTH'S PREMIER DX CLUB

December 2011

President's Report:

The holiday season has arrived with good propagation. Hopefully everyone can find some productive seat-time in front of their equipment. Compared to the past low sun spot cycle years, this year's ARRL ten-meter contest should prove to be both interesting and productive. Between the multitude of new operators, the drastic improvements in equipment for both many DX operators and state-side operators, and the anticipated good propagation, ten-meters should be hopping for the contest.

Several recent DXpeditions for which our Club provided funding helped many new operators add to their DX count and get closer to obtaining their DXCC goals. For those with a DXCC certificate, their band and mode counts were enhanced. The DXpedition's were manned with good operators and we thank them for their commitment and sacrifices in enduring the pile-ups.

Just next month the next exciting DXpedition will be manned by several of our own SEDXC members. The Malpelo HKØNA DXpedition appears to be on track for operations January 22nd to February 6th. Get ready for some heavy-duty pile-ups and good luck to the DXpedition team.

Our Club's Christmas and Holiday party was at the residence of Chaz, W4FKF and his supportive wife Gael. This year's party was a terrific success and we had a good turn-out of members and lots of good food and merriment.

Till our next Club meeting (Thursday January 19th) have a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a prosperous New Year.

73,

Jim C. KT4MM

Vice President's Report:

If you missed the November Program

"Making the Best of What You Have"

Presented by: Fred Dennin WW4LL, you missed a good one.

Looking forward to the party.

No regular meeting in December.

January's program will be Wes and Bill

sharing some of the "History of DX"

Since they were there day one, this should be interesting.

February's Meeting will be John Davis on D-STAR.

Glad we had such a good turnout at the HRO Manufacturer's Day. Great that Wey rounded up some new members.

January 14 2012 is TechFest in Lawrenceville. You are all invited. And maybe you can help with the SEDC table. More information on www.GARS.org click on the TechFest link at the top.

Norm, WA4ZXV

Secretary's Report:

November 17, 2011
SEDXC Secretary Report

The meeting began promptly at 7:30 pm. We had a total number of 44 amateur radio enthusiasts attending tonight including two visitors. Introductions were made quickly around the room.

Wes awarded Mr. George Nicholson N4GRN with the "DXpedition of the Year Award" for his participation in South Orkney VP8ORK.

Announcements:

The GA QSO Party needs some new people and a volunteers to help. Contact Chaz or Norm if you can lend a helping hand.

The 2011 HamJam event in partnership with NFARL raised over \$2000 for scholarship awards.

Manufacturer's day was on Dec. 3 at HRO. SEDXC had a club table and many members came by and visited for free food and beverages and man great door prizes.

Business:

Club members voted NAY on the VP4 Bonaire request for funds.

Program:

Fred Dennin WW4LL presented the program "Setting up a Contest Station; Making the most of a Single Tower Station." Fred gave an overview of his medium class contest station which he setup on his property in Sharpsburg. He was able to find a good site which features a central hill peak to enhance antenna performance. His 87' tower supports several antennae. A wire vertical is also in place on the site and has 40 70' radials which are each soldered to the base ring.

Fred's shack has three radios currently setup with seven computers networked together which use wireless mice and

keyboards. N1MM is the software of choice for contesting there.

Keys consist of Begali, Bencher, and Vibroplex paddles. Yamaha CM500 headsets are preferred. Quality chairs with good lumbar support are in place for short and longer contest runs.

Fred is host to many hams for various contests and recommends that you think of these other considerations if you want to setup multiop contesting capability:

- Personalities of the various team members
- Expertise in CW vs SSB vs Digital
- Team member health/medical issues
- Scheduling OPS shifts
- Sleeping arrangements
- Food
- Grooming/Hygiene

Thanks to Fred for a great program!

We had a great table full of donated door prizes for this meeting. Remember to put those items in a bag or box and save them for the next regular meeting in January

The meeting concluded promptly at 9 pm.

Newt White
N4EWT

Thanks from the editor:

It is not often the editor gets to write about himself. But, at this time I would like to say a GREAT BIG THANKS to the selection committee of the Hall of Fame Awards for selecting me for the award this year. It is indeed, an honor to even be considered. I am afraid I was at a loss for words when it was presented at the party last Saturday. I was up ready to take some pictures of the recipient when Chaz made the announcement and I almost had a coronary attack right there. Also, I want to thanks to all the many members that have offered their congratulations.

THANK YOU!

Jim Streible K4DLI

Now a few pictures from the party.



The newest and a few past recipients of the Hall of Fame Award. LtoR: Jim K4DLI, Bob K4UEE, Van W4GIW, Mike K4PI, Chaz W4GKF and Dave K4SSU



The proud recipient and his wife Ann, KB4SSS.



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SPECIAL NOTE:

The club is now using the Repeater on 145.410, down 600, for chatting and real time DX announcements.

Join the group there. No tone required

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