



# Bulletin

December 2013

## From the Pres

**Norm WA4ZXV**

Hello SEDXC,

December is upon us. Lots going on in the social world, not to mention all the different group activities. And my birthday! I enjoyed some of the postings about working DX the last few days. Funny how easy it is to get a conversation going on something we can't really do anything about. But we do!

I think most enjoyed our holiday party. It was a little different than the past few I attended, but we had a great crew and no one had to do a lot of preparation. The facility made it easy to move around and visit with folks at different tables. Food was good, just about enough to drink.

I wish all a great holiday season and New Year. It's been a nice calm year for the club--at least from where I sit. We certainly have had our share of members participating in DXpeditions. And we wish everyone headed out on one of these adventures a safe, productive and fun journey.

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## Wey's World

**Wey K8EAB**

### LAST MONTH'S MEETING

**HamJam 2013** took the place of the November meeting. Riley Hollingsworth-K4ZDH, Dan Henderson-N1ND, and Bob Allphin-K4UEE did an outstanding job as speakers. Attendance was up over last year's event and the venue (the Metropolitan Club in Alpharetta) was well received. Plans are being made to secure this same venue for HamJam 2014.



**A Ham's Night Before Christmas**  
written and performed by  
Gary Pearce KN4AQ

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ailFghtEKsc>

Most of us don't get to know first hand just how much time, funds, personnel, and wear and tear on the body it takes to make one of the big ones happen. But we can imagine. It's much easier to turn on the radio and point the antenna from home.

**TechFest** is coming up January 11th. Hope to see everyone there. We'll have a SEDXC display and a place you can sit for a few minutes. What a deal: free coffee, entry, and lunch. Plenty of door prizes and there's always the raffle. More info at ([www.gars.org](http://www.gars.org)).

Don't miss the January meeting with Ann Santos, WA1S. See you then! ❖

## How's DX?

### **Wey K8EAB**

Several DXpeditions were on the air in November and into the first part of December.

### **K9W – Wake Island**

LoTW QSL's have already been sent to those who used OQRS to request their QSL's. Go here for the latest info: [wake2013.org/](http://wake2013.org/)

### **5J0R – San Andres Island**

Details are here: [dxfriends.com/SanAndres2013/](http://dxfriends.com/SanAndres2013/)

### **T33A – Banaba Island**

Details are here: [t33a.com/](http://t33a.com/)

### **XR0YY – Easter Island**

Details are here: [easterisland2013.com/](http://easterisland2013.com/)

### **W8A – American Samoa**

Details are here: [n8a.eu/](http://n8a.eu/)

### **XZ1J – Myanmar**

Details are here: [xz1j.org/](http://xz1j.org/)

### **S21ZBB & S21ZBC – Bangladesh**

Details are here: [mdxc.org/bangladesh2013](http://mdxc.org/bangladesh2013)

### **VU7AG – Lakshadweep**

Details are here: [vu7ag.info/home/](http://vu7ag.info/home/)

These last four expeditions were All-Time-New-Ones for yours truly. ❖

## Treasurer's Journal

### Mike ND4V

TREASURER'S REPORT (November 2013)	
RECEIPTS	
Dues	156.00
DISBURSEMENTS	
DXpedition Funding	(600.00)
NET ACTIVITY IN October	
Beginning Balance	8,848.28
Ending Balance	8,404.28

Please review funding requests attached to this Bulletin. ❖

## Activities Log

### Bill AA40C

We will have a table at TechFest 2014 again this year. Stop by and say "hello", renew your membership, join the club, or just hang out! See you there. ❖

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**SEDXC Webpage:** [www.sedxc.org](http://www.sedxc.org)

**SEDXC Chat Room:** details on webpage

**SEDXC Reflector:** details on webpage

## NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

At our January 2014 meeting, Ann Santos WA1S will tell us about her recent adventures with the T33A Team that activated Banaba Island. Details are at [t33a.com/](http://t33a.com/)



## FUTURE MEETINGS

At our February 2014 meeting, Tom Harrell-N4XP will lead a team of presenters to tell us about C82DX – Mozambique. Details are at [c82dx.com](http://c82dx.com).



L-R: Wey K8EAB, Rusty W6OAT, Tad WF4W, Charlie NF4A, Tom N4XP, and Bill N4NX. Rusty Epps was a founding member of the SEDXC.

**Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, 73, Good DX! ❖**

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<b>Entity Name / Call Sign</b>	VU7AG
<b>Web page</b>	<a href="http://vu7ag.info">http://vu7ag.info</a>
<b>Team leader / number of members:</b>	Krish W4VKU/9
<b>Approx. Date and duration of DXpedition</b>	Nov 20, 2013 to Dec 9, 2013
<b>QSL manager / QSL route</b>	W4VKU/Direct mail, OQRS, Bureau
<b>Budget estimated for DXpedition</b>	\$17k without travel. \$21k with travel
<b>Position on most wanted list:</b>	#34 worldwide (2012)
<b>Landing permit/operating permission approved.</b>	Operating permit is on hand. Landing permit processing is underway, but should be a non-issue
<b>Last time this entity was activated</b>	May 2013(VU7KV) – activated for 3 days. Aug 2012(VU7M), about 100 stations in NA worked this low power operation. The big one prior to that was in 2007.
<b>Typical interval between activations</b>	For large operation, it has been like 6 years now
<b>Anyone planning to activate this entity before your DXpedition</b>	No
<b>Objective / Strategy</b>	Meet 10m/12m demand before the sunspots wane down. Provide ATNO's and reduce the demand for VU7 in NA on 160-10.
<b>Call sign/Age of youngest Team member</b>	VU2CDP/31 yrs.
<b>SEDXC member initiating request</b>	-
<b>SEDXC member(s) participating</b>	-
<b>Funding amount requested</b>	Our budget shows a deficit of \$10k and hence seeking funding from various clubs, so will accept any support
<b>Send Funds to:</b>	W4vku via mail or PayPal to <a href="mailto:vu7ag@yahoo.com">vu7ag@yahoo.com</a>
<b>SEDXC logo on QSL cards?</b>	With pleasure
<b>SEDXC logo on web page?</b>	With pleasure
<b>Additional comments:</b> GDXF turned down our request, since the demand for VU7 is low in EU. The demand is predominantly in NA. We are taking along 3 yagi's, Acom 1000 amps, verticals and also phasing controllers and Rx loop. Hope to do well into NA with phasing and in-water placement of verticals.	

<b>Entity Name / Call Sign</b>	Mellish Reef / VK9MT
<b>Web page</b>	www.vk9mt.com
<b>Team leader / number of members:</b>	Co-Leaders Pista, HA5AO and Les, W2LK; 10 members
<b>Approx. Date and duration of DXpedition</b>	10 days operation, depart Australia 25th March 2014
<b>QSL manager / QSL route</b>	M0URX - OQRS, direct, bureau, LOTW immediately after DXpedition
<b>Budget estimated for DXpedition</b>	\$127,000
<b>Position on most wanted list:</b>	#25 on the ClubLog and #32 on DX Magazine's Most Wanted List
<b>Landing permit/operating permission approved.</b>	Yes
<b>Last time this entity was activated</b>	VK9GMW in 2009 was a primarily low bands/CW operation. VK9ML in 2002 was the last all bands operation, they made approx. 25,000 each CW and SSB QSOs but only 1519 RTTY contacts.
<b>Typical interval between activations</b>	5 years
<b>Anyone planning to activate this entity before your DXpedition</b>	No
<b>Objective / Strategy</b>	Offer ATNO to as many as possible, provide as many band fills as needed. Extensive RTTY operation since there is great demand for this mode. Our QSO target is 80-100k QSOs. Will operate six stations round the clock with full Australian legal limit power, and vertical antennas in the water / at the shoreline to take advantage of the "saltwater amplifier".
<b>Call sign/Age of youngest Team member</b>	HA5UK / 47
<b>SEDXC member initiating request</b>	N/A
<b>SEDXC member(s) participating</b>	None
<b>Funding amount requested</b>	\$1000
<b>Send Funds to:</b>	Mellish Reef 2014 DXpedition – Gene Spinelli Treasurer, PO Box 189, Divide, CO 80814
<b>SEDXC logo on QSL cards?</b>	Yes
<b>SEDXC logo on web page?</b>	Yes

**Additional comments:** The Mellish Reef 2014 project will practice full financial transparency. When we close the books, all Foundations and Clubs that provided sponsorship will receive a financial recap. Funds received will be equally divided across the team after legitimate DXpedition expenses are paid.

Thanks for considering this request