



Southeastern DX Club

W4NT

THE SOUTH'S PREMIER DX CLUB
February 2009

President's Report:

There will be no president's report this month. He is occupied elsewhere. Like K5D.

Vice President's Report—February 2009

As I write this, the intrepid KP5 team is going through last minute things such as unexploded ordinance training and should be on the air from Desecheo in a few more days. As usual, everything has not gone exactly as planned, but as K4UEE always says, you assess the situation and make changes to the plan. I am sure Bob will be totally up to holding equipment above his head while he wades to shore. I expect this is going to be a very interesting DXpedition to listen to because of the pent up demand here and especially in Europe. The sky may well light up, and there have been a few off-the-wall suggestions that in times of low sunspot activity, the excitation of the ionosphere by huge numbers of high power signals improves propagation.

Speaking of sunspots, the last "official" one was 22 days ago. We are headed towards the previous spotless record of 30 days for recent months. Nevertheless, there is nice DX out there. A number of us have managed to knock off several new ones on 160m since the beginning of the year, and I believe K4DLI has picked up around 7 new ones on 160m. Have you noticed that even without spots the flux has crept up? Maybe Sol is awakening.

The DXPros have made several trips to Mike Almeter's house, the latest on being last Saturday. The Kentucky Rifleman landed a perfect shot to anchor Mike's 80m inverted Vee. Mike is picking up a lot of the practical

things not necessarily covered in the textbooks. Mike is closing in on 200 countries worked on a wire—way to go, Mike!

Our speaker this month will be Tim Lemmon, WK4U, on the use of Linux in ham radio applications. Although I had played with Linux around 10 years ago, Tim convinced me to give it another try—and times have really changed. I had a Linux machine running in the shack from around October till a few days ago, when I updated it to the new version—which you can take away on disk from the meeting. I never once had to reboot the machine. This was on a very old Dell 8200 which labored mightily under Windows XP but is gazelle swift running Ubuntu Linux. I have also set an obsolete machine up on my second floor so I can make a judgment as to whether to go down for 160 greyline at sunrise. Try it, you'll like it—and it's not just for geeks anymore. Tim has also supplied a free pdf file from the Ubuntu team to cover things you may have questions about. Chaz has placed it on the SEDXC website under "links." Check it out.

73
Bob W2WG

Secretaries' Report:

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Minutes of the January 2009 Meeting

- I. The meeting was called to order by Bob, K4UEE. The attendees were asked to introduce themselves and if it was their first meeting to tell how they learned about the SEDXC.
- II. Committee Reports

- **Activities – Gary WB4SQ** reported that the Dalton Hamfest was upon us and asked for volunteers.
- **Asked for interest in securing a table at the DX dinner in Dayton**
- **Membership/QSL Service – Bill, N4NX** reported that membership was holding steady. Reminded members of the QSL checking service and outgoing card service.

Webmaster- Chaz reported that the web hosting service had managed to interrupt the ability to connect to www.sedxc.org. It should be fixed shortly.

III. Other club dignataries

- **NFARL – Mack McCormick, President,** gave a short description of the North Fulton Amateur Radio League, it's purpose and goals
- **Kenahoochee -- Tad, WF4W, Vice President** gave an overview of the club.

IV. President's report –

- **Bob** reported that Stan Goldin, W2DNO was SK. He read a letter from Barbara Goldin which described Stan's battle with pancreatic cancer and stroke.
- He also read a note from Ernie Zingleman's XYL which noted the progress that Ernie was making in battling his brain tumor.
- **PJ2T – still has room for a couple of guys to experience dxing from the pileup end.** March 5 to 9.
- **KP5-** reported on the 12/19 site visit and unexploded ordinance scan of the operating sites. He reported that there will be 10 radios, 17 antenna, and hopefully 80 to 100 thousand q's.

V. How's DX –

- It was reported that JW had been on 160 and nobody called Bob.

- **METPARC repeater 145.41** no tone. Suggestion that we have a HOW's DX net. Jim, W4QO volunteered to make it happen.

VI. New Business:

- **Motion by Wes, W3WL to nominate Neville, G3NUG to the CQ DX Hall of Fame.** Seconded and Carried Unanimously.
- **Motion brought forth by Mike, ND4V to fund C2 Nauru dxpedition; # 51 on the most wanted list (which had been properly advertised in the bulletin) in the amount of \$100.** Seconded and motion carried
- **Motion to fund E44 dxpedition** died for lack of a second

- VII. Program: Jorge de la Torre (JL) KI4SGU** gave an interesting program on PropNet. It is a propagation study tool that marries low power radio, psk, computers and hams to determine by observation what band is open and where to. It is helping to discover patterns and disprove other commonly held beliefs about propagation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

In the absence of our regular secretary, George, N4GRN, the minutes are respectfully submitted,

Mike, ND4V
Recorder

Treasurer's Report:

**SEDXC Financial position as of month-end
January 2009**

General Checking:	\$5,596.67
Packet Fund:	20.15
Total Balance:	\$5,616.82

Last months raffle was a humdinger. I've enjoyed looking at the 50 Years in Ham radio book that I claimed. I plan on putting it back on the raffle table at this month's meeting. Save a buck for a ticket.

I informed Dani of our funding of the C21 dxpedition and received this e-mail response.

Thanks for your quick response.

I will create a PayPal account and I will send you another email with more details of the dxpeditions and the instructions for receiving funds.

73's

Dani, EA4ATI & 9M2TI

I've been chasing the triple play award. You know, WAS on phone, cw, and digital since January 1 and all of the confirmations via LOTW. I just finished up Hawaii on CW this afternoon. It's turned out to be a bit tougher than it sounds. Right now I'm at 118/150... CQ CQ Alabama, CQ CQ Alabama

73 es DX
Mke, ND4V

Activities Report:

A BIG thanks goes out to all those who helped at the GARS Techfest & Chili Cookoff: W3WL (Wes), KB7WO (Rich), NN4ZZ (Al), K4SSU (Dave), W4GKF (Chas), WB4SQ (Gary), K4DLI (Jim), W2WG (Bob #2). Wes conducted the DX-101 seminar in one room while Dave held DX-102 in next door. And congrats to our 3 new members who joined at Techfest.

And another big THANKS goes out to the club members with emergency communications for the 10K Chattahoochee Run while braving those pre-dawn sub-zero temperatures: W3WL (Wes), KB7WO (Rich), KJ4HCE (Joe Lamboley) & WB4SQ (Gary). Congrats on the new license, Joe!

Upcoming hamfests are Dalton on Feb 28th AND Kennehoochee on Mar 21st.

Hope everyone gets to work KP5 on new band/mode/shoe colors as possible. Good DX & see everyone at the next meeting...

WB4SQ- Gary

From the Editor:

I have to apologize for the short and late bulletin this month. Just as I was getting ready to start work on it last Tuesday I found out my brother had been taken to the hospital on Monday night in very serious condition. I left for Kentucky Wednesday morning and just returned this Monday night. He is much better but, they are still running test to see exactly what his problem is.

From the PVRC Newsletter:

For those of you who listen to Neal Boortz, you have heard Jamie Dupree give his news reports from Washington and try to keep Neal straight. What some of you may not know is Jamie is also a ham, NS3T, and is quite a contest operator. Jamie and his wife just had a new harmonic arrive on January 19th and here is a picture and write up from the Potomac Valley Radio Club Newsletter.

New Op Arrives at NS3T

Theodore "Teddy" Dupree made his appearance on Monday afternoon, January 19. All is fine now with son and wife. He weighed in at 9 lbs 6 oz, which was the most of the three Dupree children, who have all been above 8 1/2 pounds. The reaction of the kids was muted. One didn't say a thing, while the other responded by puking wildly on Grandma's carpeting and floors. We assume the birth did not cause that



PVRC Editor's Note: For those of you who don't believe Jamie takes contesting seriously, here's his CQ 160 CW contest post to the 3830 email reflector

“With a 12 day old baby at the start of this contest, there was no way I was going to be able to do a big effort. So I used the new kid as a human alarm clock to make sure I made my way down into the shack after changing another diaper and helping out in the middle of the night as the XYL fed the screaming little guy. I got on as much as I could both nights, but I had to sleep. I got up around 0530z on Sunday and decided to just S&P hard for as many 10-pointers as I could get from Europe and it paid off. Five new countries made their way into my log as well, so that was great.”

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DX PACKET FREQ. (Corrections, 1/2/04)

**N4XMX off line(2400) 144.91 (direct, Vinings),
off line(2400) 145.65 (direct or ATLDX)**

Note: ATLDX is down right now, direct OK.

KS4Q (2400) 144.97 MHz; 'c saw3'

(2400) 145.63 MHz; 'c saw4'

(1200) 145.69 MHz; 'c saw5'

Once you get a connect on any of the three

above frequencies, enter 'c saw1'. Once

you get a connect to saw1, enter 'c ks4q'

or simply 'dx'. or telnet dx.ks4q.net

NI4X (9600) 144.93, 145.71, 440.75

K4UGA (Athens)(2400) 145.67 (SE Megaclst)

(telnet 128.192.52.40 599, must put in port 599)

DX COMMUNICATION FREQ.

Simplex 147.54

K4JPD Repeater (tone 85.4 Hz) 147.195+

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