



Southeastern DX Club

W4NT

THE SOUTH'S PREMIER DX CLUB

April 2009

Georgia QSO Party this weekend

From the President:

Looking forward to seeing a big crowd for our April meeting. The presentation will be done by the SEDXC folks who returned from Desecheo just a few weeks ago!

Please make plans to attend and ...join us around 6:00PM for a quick bite at the Panera Bread.

CU Wednesday night!

Bob-K4UEE

From the Vice President:

April is the cruelest month? Well, maybe not, but it is sure windy and cold as I write this. On the other hand, propagation has been cruel on the higher bands, but decent on 30m and down. In fact, JT1CO has been putting pounding signal in here on 30m and 40m after sunrise, and sometimes staying workable for several hours. Still, I have heard no DX on 6 meters.

April also seemed a little cruel because I had been going to the shack around 6:30 AM each morning to listen for the Mellish Reef mini-team of two. On their first morning there were spots from the east to the west coast saying "monster signal." I heard nothing for as K4DLI says, we live in a 160m black hole compared to Florida and stations on the coast. After a few days I started to hear them weakly—but very weakly. My path is through Sweat Mountain—or perhaps 30 degrees over it, which is not so good for low angle communication. Finally, one morning I heard K4ODL work them, but no luck for me. Randy has an excellent 160m location for this area. Then the storms hit, and every morning the QRN was S9+ and the Mellish gang was S1. Finally, this past Sunday the band was quiet and their signal was S5 and K4PI, K4TEA, N4PN and I worked Mellish

within minutes of each other. I suppose April has been pretty good to me after all.

The Kennehoochee hamfest was a lot of fun. We had an active SEDXC table, and the items at our second table attracted a lot of interest. N4NX was there with one of his many overseas friends. They were headed to Costa Rica the next day. Bill swears this was going to be a vacation with no ham activity, but I am suspicious the carton he was seen with at the airport contained a K3.



Our program this month will feature the Desecheo team. This is your chance to hear the team's full story of life at the beach—well at least close to it—while putting a top DXCC entity on the air. I want to find out how those antennas played and hear about the new Alpha amplifiers they used. And what a money saver. You would spend a small fortune to get to Visalia to hear the Desecheo presentation later this spring. With the money you save by attending the April meeting, think what you could buy down at HRO.

73

Bob, W2WG

Secretary's Report:

SEDXC Meeting Minutes

March 2009

Bob K4UEE called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

There were 46 members in attendance. One new member attending for the first time was KJ4IXI Robert Dallas. There were several other guests.

Presidents Report: **K4UEE Bob**

1) Introductions

Vice Presidents Report: **Bob W2WG**

- 1) **DXPro's are working with several hams.**

Treasurer's report: **Mike ND4V** gave the report. **And reminded us that the IRQ's will expire Dec 31st, 2009.**

Secretary's Report: **George** was absent at the past meeting so there were no minutes taken.

Activities Manager: **Gary WB4SQ**

- 1) **Needs a few more people for the hamfest table.**

How's DX:

- 1) **K4UEE** spoke a little about **K5D** as did **Bill N4NX** and **George N4GRN**. There will be a presentation at the next meeting.
- 2) There was a brief discussion about the **SEDXC** contest from **PJ2T**.
- 3) **Hal** and **Dave** said there were some good opening to **Pacific** on **40/80/160** recently.

Club Comments and Reminders:

- 1) **The DX dinner at Dayton** has been completely booked.
- 2) **The annual SEDXC dinner on Thursday night** will be at **The Stockyard** as usual for **SEDXC** members and **W4KJ** is organizing that event.
- 3) We were reminded that the repeater is **145.41** and let's please start using it.
- 4) We were reminded to please participate in the **GA QSO party** Easter weekend.

Club Business:

- 1) **The following Dxpeditions** have asked for funding:
 - a. **KH4 Midway**

- i. **Bill N4NX** made a motion to support. **WB4SQ** made a second. There was no discussion. A vote was taken to fund.

b. Sable Island

- i. **Dave K4SSU** made a motion to support. **Bill N4NX** made a second. There was discussion by **Harry**. There was an amendment by to rise to **\$200.00** from **\$100.00** there was a vote to approve.

c. Mogador ISL was rejected

BREAK and Raffle:

- 1) **There were a great number of raffle donations.**

Program: Tower Erection

- 1) **Dave K4SSU** gave a great presentation on towers and their erection.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30PM.

George Nicholson Secretary

Activities Manager Report:

A BIG THANKS goes out to **WA9WNE** (Terry), **K4HGG** (Dale), **KI4SGU** (Jorge), **W2WG** (Bob #2), **W4GKF** (Chaz), **N4NX** (card checker Bill), and **WB4SQ** (whoever that is) for helping man our table at the recent **Kennechoochee** hamfest. Although no new members were signed up, **Bill** did handle stacks of bureau & **DXCC** cards for members. Things dwindled (clean that up) out just before 1PM, which was good, since we ran out of people to help. **Kudos** go out to **AE4CW** (Chuck) who proved he could be in two places at once by helping setup the both the **SEDXC** & **NFARL** displays at the same time. Also, thanks to **K4KAL** (Keith) for the wonderful donated items. Hope everyone had a shot at working **Mellish Reef**. Too many lids for me this time round. See everyone at the meeting... **WB4SQ**

Treasurer's Report:

SEDXC Financial position as of month-end
March 2009

General Checking: \$4,726.67
Packet Fund: 20.15
Total Balance: \$4,746.82

I hope everyone managed to get in a few hours in the Georgia QSO party this weekend.

Lord Howe and Mellish Reef were new ones here this month. Now, if I can just snag Christmas Island and make it three....

QRU for now, see you at the meeting.

73 es DX
Mike, ND4V

Annual SEDXC Dayton Dinner

Once again this year the Southeastern DX Club will host its Dayton DXers Dinner at the Stockyards Inn on Thursday, May 14, 2009 beginning with cocktails at 7:00PM. We have the Gold Room reserved which can accommodate 40-45 members and some guests

The deadline for making your reservation is Monday, May 11th. This is a very informal get-together with no speeches, just a good time for DXers to meet and have a casual dinner (with individual checks) to start off the Dayton Hamvention Weekend.

Get your reservations in to Harry, W4KJ.

Thanks,
Harry, W4KJ
w4ki@arrl.net

Here is an e-mail that was forwarded to the bulletin by Bob, W2WG. It is from Greg, SP3V, asking for some support, help and solidarity, from world hams for the Polish hams.

AN APPEAL FOR SOLIDARITY

I am writing to you in the name of PZK Headquarters with an appeal for co-operation in addressing the Polish Ministry of the Environment which is carrying out a process of consultations before issuing a planned Ministerial Decree on "Installations requiring licensing" and on "Requirements on licensing of installations emitting electromagnetic fields".

Let me state in a nutshell: both these Ministerial decrees, if issued as Polish executive regulation, will limit the operation of Polish amateur radio stations operating in the Amateur Radio and Amateur Satellite Services almost to nonexistence. The planned decrees treat amateur radio stations on the same level as commercial radio stations (broadcasting and television transmitters, radio communication transmitters) requiring measurements of electromagnetic field intensities in various directions of the field radiated by the antenna, registration of technical properties of equipment etc. etc.

I would add that, completely unexpectedly, the Polish Ministry of the Environment - who protects the environment from "pollution and electromagnetic fields", did not ask PZK, representing several thousand "emitters of e.m. energy", about our opinion on this subject.

In view of the possible implications of these envisioned governmental regulations, horror and fright inspired our members to organize a protest action consisting of sending thousands (hopefully) e-mails, letters and facsimile messages to the Minister and personally contacting our MPs, with the aim of making "them" understand the nature of our hobby, the practical and technical difference in operation between amateur and commercial emitters etc.

This action of protest is currently taking place in Poland. We, PZK, think that perhaps help from abroad, from our companion amateur radio Societies, the IARU and individual hams, could reinforce and intensify our action. We would be very grateful for your letters sent to the Polish

Minister of the Environment, expressing solidarity with Polish hams and, perhaps, explaining the nature of our hobby, which is not only a “private” hobby and leisure activity, but a social service of great importance. We are confident that such international support will make some impression upon the decision makers in our country, no doubt.

That is why we start this request for help with the title "Appeal for Solidarity"...

One never knows if and when some unknowing government employee in another country might come to a similar idea.

In our case, Polish hams would be compelled to use exclusively EIRP levels of 15 Watts, if the expense of providing measurement proofs to the Government would be too high for individual amateurs. The requirement of registering (licensing) technical apparatus, including antennas, limits any attempts at experimentation, the essential feature of our “hobby”.

If you feel you might help PZK by sending a letter, fax or e-mail to the Polish Ministry of the Environment, please do it!

On behalf of PZK,

**Wes Wysocki, SP2DX
Ex-IARU liaison officer**

Sopot, Poland - April 3rd, 2009

We can discuss this at the meeting and see if the club or individuals can make some reply to the Polish Ministry of the Environment.

Tom, N4XP, who is the co-leader of the upcoming Midway Dxpedition has just returned from a visit with Ramon YV5EED And sent this photo of the two.

He didn't say where the photo was taken.



Everyone make some QSOs in the Georgia QSO Party and send in your scores.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Several members are 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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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 +600

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