



Southeastern DX Club

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THE SOUTH'S PREMIER DX CLUB
August 2009

President's Report:

What a picnic it was at K4TEA's lake house. Around 85 members and guests attended. As you can see, we had some really expert grillmasters, and Norm's cigar lasted a long time before he finally lit it.



Ed, W4HTI, the last man standing at Dayton this year drove down from Franklin, NC along with his wife Eileen, also a ham. Pulling herself away from DXpeditions and contests, Ann Santos came as well. She didn't bring her paddle, but I heard her hum a few tunes in CW. She has moved from the frigid north to the Peach State, and is now living down near Peachtree City. K4TEA and Trish were wonderful hosts, the boat rides were just right for mint juleps, and the weather was perfect. Thanks to all who made it possible.

At our August meeting we are going to try a different meeting flow. The board is meeting ahead of each meeting, working on things like requests for DXpedition funding. We'll report our recommendations, and the membership will be asked to consider them, comment, and vote. We will be making an effort to get our speaker to the podium very close to the beginning of the meeting. I'm sure we'll find things to change as we gain experience with the changes. Please give feedback on how to improve the flow—and whether or not you like it.

The Huntsville Hamfest takes place the weekend before the August meeting. This is a really nice event with things such as a DX Dinner, a contesting gathering, great technical sessions, an indoor fleamarket, and lots of dealers such as HRO, Gigaparts, etc. I see Dr. Lamboley will be presenting DX101, and I am going to get to the Solar Cycle session very early. If you haven't been to Huntsville, you have a surprise waiting. We can always use more help at the SEDXC booth, so be sure to stop by.

As most of you have seen, we are working on participation in National Wildlife Refuge week in October. Thanks to Jim Cummings, we are hoping to help WSB clean out its 50MHz Harris equipment. See Jim's article for information on the 2009 holiday party. Our Activities Manager, WB4SQ, will update us on the NWR effort as well as present some club contest ideas.

73, and see you at the meeting.
Bob W2WG

Vice President's Report:

Boy our July monthly Club program was an easy assignment with the generosity of Ken, K4TEA and wife Trish opening their lake house for the Club members to enjoy a fantastic summer picnic by the lake. Bob, W2WG provided his management skills in orchestrating the logistic necessary to feet 80 plus members and guests. A big thanks to all for supporting the Club's annual summer picnic.

Our August program is very timely considering the summertime pop-up thunder storms and the fall weather fronts generating lots of thunder and the accompanying lightning bolts. Greg Abernathy, AI4UD will provide us this month's meeting program with an excellent down to earth "Lightning Protection and Grounding" time-proven methodology for protecting our homes and stations.

Upcoming monthly programs are anticipated to include some DXpeditioner's personal experiences and their travelogue. Salted in between DXpedition travelogues will be presentations relating to some new equipment and operating tools. Attempting to arrange for our annual December Holiday and Christmas party at a public restaurant has proven a bit challenging. Pricing and centrally locating a facility to host the Club members resulted in an impasse. To the rescue is our party host Harry Saunders, W4KJ who has volunteered to have the party at his home.

See you all at our August 19th club meeting.
73, Jim KT4MM

FLASH !!!!!!!

While I was preparing the bulletin this news from the DXCC desk just arrived. It should make many DXers very happy.

THE FOLLOWING JUST RELEASED BY BILL MOORE AT THE ARRL DXCC DESK:

The following operation has been approved for DXCC credit:

701YGF Yemen

Operation from April 16, 2000 through April 26, 2000

After reviewing recently-received information regarding the 701YGF operation, and after additional dialogue with a leader of the DXpedition, the DXCC desk has approved this operation.

Considering the length of time that has passed since this operation, we ask that DXCC participants who would like to claim credit for 701YGF follow the options below:

Send the 701YGF card ONLY to DXCC with a SASE, or return postage if outside the US; DXCC will process the card and applicants will not be charged a submission fee. 701YGF cards included with other cards will be handled as part of a normal submission.

bring the card to a DXCC Card Checker. The card checker will forward the confirmation to the DXCC desk for processing. Again, there will be no submission fee if this is a single-card submission. You must fill out an application form, however.

In all other cases applicants can include their QSL card with their next submission, and it will be handled normally. We will work with the 701YGF team to use Logbook of the World if possible.

Remember, the cutoff date for the 2009 DXCC Annual listing and Honor Roll list is December 31, 2009. We encourage applicants to handle this sooner rather than wait until the last minute.

73 es DX!
Bill Moore NC1L
Awards Branch Manager

I can just hear the shouts of joy now rising from all over the world!

The last page of this bulletin contains the application for the DXpedition to Conway Reef funding. Please review before the meeting.

Now back to our regular monthly reports.

Treasures Report:

SEDXC Financial position as of July 31, 2009

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| General Checking: | \$4,721.50 |
| Zingleman Fund | 645.00 |
| Packet Fund: | <u>20.15</u> |
| Total: | \$5,386.65 |

Thanks to Ken and Trish Byers for hosting the summer picnic. It was great! Our out-of-pocket to Bob, W2WG for the picnic hamburgers, hot dogs and paper goods was \$250.17.

At the picnic I had the pleasure of presenting Tanya Zingleman a check from the club in the amount of \$3,500. The funds came from members of the Southeastern Contesting Club, members of SEDXC and a match of \$1,000 by SEDXC. Since the picnic, additional funds have come in and the balance is currently \$645 as shown above. I plan on keeping the fund open until the end of the month. If you would like to remember Ernie, just see me at the meeting or snail mail me.

We have a funding request to act on at an upcoming meeting from the group sponsoring the Conway Reef DXpedition. You may see more about their plans at

<http://www.conwayreef2009.de>

Our bylaws call for membership dues to be paid before September. If you haven't paid up, please go online: www.sedxc.org/dues or, just drop me a check payable to the Southeastern DX Club at 207 Longview Dr. Norcross, GA 30071-2127

73 es DX
Mike, ND4V

There are no reports from the Secretary or Activities manager this month.

Here is an interesting piece sent to in by Mike, ND4V, regarding the term "SLIM"

I reported in the bulletin that the recent JA on six was a "slim"....meaning a pirate. The term was unfamiliar to at least one of our readers.

I think I caught it from Bill Strickland ex-WA4FVT now K4DX, but lawdy, lawdy, Strick has his own vocabulary for the wireless (and most everything else) so having been reeled in once today by the Hellman Mayonaise/Titanic disaster of epic proportions, (ask Chaz) I decided I'd better google Slim and Pirate.

I enjoyed reading what I found and pass it along for grins.

The AC6V website has this to say

Slim - Someone pretending to be a DX station, usually rare, that is supposed to be on the air. For example, someone in southern Argentina pretending to be Heard Island, VKØIR

Pirate - Someone using an existing callsign and operating on the air, e.g. claiming to be WA6YOO/4 on an North Carolina island group. What would happen is that I would suddenly be surprised by receiving a number of QSL cards and wonder "What Happened?"

Bootlegger - Someone, usually not a Ham but a wannabe, making up a callsign, one usually not in the callbook, and getting on the air. Sometimes it is someone who already bought a radio, took the test and flunked, and then gets on the air anyway.

These definitions are somewhat flexible because some of their aspects might be combined.

73 W6YOO

And from Dave, VE2ZP.....

Origin Of Slim From Dave VE2ZP

The origin of the term SLIM is, I believe, as follows: On a date I cannot recall in the mid-1960s, an operator showed up on 20m CW, identifying himself as 8X8A, claiming he was located on "Cray Island," an island that had just emerged from the ocean floor following a major undersea volcanic event. The operator said his name was "Slim." Huge pileups endured for a few days, then "Slim" was exposed as a pirate and he disappeared from the bands.

Ever since, Pirates have been called "Slim." What made "Slim's" claim even partly credible in the first place was the emergence of Surtsey, an island near Iceland in (I think) 1964. Surtsey rose from the floor of the Atlantic as a result of undersea volcanic activity. It was a major news event at the time. I never heard any of this at the time as I was four years old and not yet a ham. I read the reports in QSTs and 73 Magazine of the time.

Dave VE2ZP

Now, I am sure all the old DXers among us know these terms but, maybe there are a few newcomers who might find these two stories interesting.

Here is a nice article from a column put out to News Letter and Bulletin editors by Dan Romanchik, KB6NU. Dan supplies these stories for anyone who would like to run them in their local bulletins.

Stuart's First QSO

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

One of the great things about Field Day are the stories. Every year, I add a story or two to my repertoire. This year is no exception.

My best story from Field Day 2009 starts about 1:30 pm on Saturday. I was at my post

at the public information table/GOTA station. We had been ready to rock and roll for at least a half hour, so a group of us were just sitting around chewing the fat when 13-year-old Stuart and his mother walked up to the table.

Her son was a little on the shy side, so his mother explained that Stuart had seen a listing of our Field Day site on the Internet and had asked her to bring him out to see us. She mentioned that Stuart had been listening to ham radio operators on his little Yaesu handheld scanner for several years and was very excited to actually meet some ham radio operators and see ham radio in action.

Not only that, she said that he had taught himself Morse Code. A kid after my own heart! I quickly volunteered to give them a tour of our Field Day site. First, I showed him our VHF/UHF station, and he seemed really impressed with the five single-band radios.

Next, I took him into the 40m phone station. I asked how fast he could copy Morse Code, and he said 30 words per minute. I cranked the receiver down into the CW portion of the band, and sure enough, he could copy anything that I tuned in.

At this point, it was still only 1:45 pm, so I told him, "Let's go over to one of the CW stations, and we'll see if we can make a contact." We marched over to the CW #2 station, and after getting clearance from the station captain, I tuned around for a clear frequency, then called CQ. Immediately, N5VV, replied.

At this point, Stuart was so excited, he was shaking a little bit. Since the contest was just about ready to start, I kept the contact short, but that didn't matter. Stuart had finally gotten to see ham radio in action.

Stuart's mother then inquired about taking the test. I explained that our Volunteer Examiners give the test every second Saturday of the month and gave her the URL of our website. She said that Stuart had been studying and was ready to take the test.

Unfortunately, they had to leave at that point. I told Stuart's mother that we'd be there through 2pm Sunday and to come back any time. She said that they'd definitely be back the next day.

Stuart Makes His First Contact

Stuart and his mother returned about 1:30 pm on Sunday. He wanted to see the VHF/UHF station again, so that was our first stop. He took a couple of photos of the setup, and then I suggested we go over to the GOTA station. When we first got there, someone was at the mike, but shortly afterwards they got up and Stuart and I took the controls.

When we first sat down, I made a few contacts using my call to show him how to use the paddle. I noted that holding the levers down produces a series of dits or dahs, and that by tapping the other lever while holding down the first, you can produce a dit between dahs or a dah between dits.

Then, I asked him if he'd like to try it. He said yes, so just to see how it would go, I tuned up to above 7100 kHz. There was no activity up there, so I set the keyer speed to 15 wpm and told him to send my call sign a few times. He reached over with his left hand and sent it perfectly. Now, remember, this is someone who'd never touched a paddle of any kind before. Not only that, he even sent the K (dah-di-dah) iambically! That is to say that he held the dah paddle while tapping the dit paddle to slip in a dit between the two dahs.

Then, I asked if he'd like to make some contacts. He said yes, so I said, "Let's switch seats." We switched seats, and I said, "OK, tune around a little and find a strong station calling CQ." We found K2ZR, and I coached him a little on how to reply. "Now, remember," I said, "we're going to use the W8PGW callsign." When I gave him the nod to send, he reached over with his RIGHT hand and sent W8PGW perfectly! When K2ZR replied with our call and the exchange, I coached him to reply with "4A MI." Not only did he do that, but he slipped in a "R" to

denote that we'd copied the exchange. When K2ZR replied with a "TU," I showed him how to log the contact.

That's all the coaching I needed to do. After the first contact, I said, "OK. Now, tune around for another station calling CQ, and we'll make another contact." He was off to the races. As soon as he made a contact, he jumped up to type it into the log. His arms weren't long enough to reach the computer from where he was seated.

When we started, the keyer speed was set to 15 wpm. After a couple of contacts, I asked if he might want to send faster. When he said OK, I bumped it up to 18 wpm. After a few QSOs with only a couple of mistakes, he asked if we could go faster, so I set it at 20 wpm. Again, only a couple of mistakes, so we bumped it up to 22 wpm. There, he started making more mistakes, but let me repeat, he never touched any kind of key before in his life. I have no doubt that with a little practice, he could easily do 30 wpm.

Overall, he made 12 contacts in the 21 minutes he operated the station. Not a bad rate for someone who'd never sent a character of Morse Code in his life, don't you think?

Unfortunately, Stuart was not able to take the test at our July VE session as he was at Boy Scout camp. Come the second week of August, though, he'll be a ham. He even has a vanity callsign picked out for himself. Listen for him--in the CW bands, of course.

Dan Romanchik, KB6NU, is the station manager for WA2HOM, the ham radio station at Ann Arbor's Hands-On Museum, and the ARRL MI Section's Training Manager. You can read more about his adventures in ham radio by going to www.kb6nu.com.

This year at the picnic we were happy to welcome back two of our old time, former members. It was good to see Stu Woodward, K4SMX, and Dave Fisher, now W7FB,

formally known as WØMHS when he was here in Atlanta many years ago.



Stu, K4SMX, is on the left with the white shirt and Dave, W7FB, on the right talking to Hal, N4GG.

As you all know, we lost a very good friend and valued club member, Ernie Zingleman, KS4Q, recently. Ernie had done much for the club and the ham community in general, by running the Packet cluster and web site for many years. Ernie had been voted into the SEDXC Hall of Fame and the plaque had arrived the day before he died. It had been planned to present this award to him at the picnic this year. Unfortunately, he never knew about it.



Ernie's wife, Tanya, had known about the award and was to bring Ernie to the picnic so he could be presented with the plaque. But, due to the turn of events, the plaque was

presented to his widow, Tanya, and his children by Bill Barr, N4NX, on behalf of the club.



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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.

NI4X (9600) 144.93, 145.71, 440.75

K4UGA (Athens)(2400) 145.67 (SE Mega1st)
(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

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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| Entity Name / Call Sign | 3D2ØCR |
| Web page | www.conwayreef2009.de |
| Team leader / number of members: | Hawa (DK9KX) |
| Approx. Date and duration of Dxpedition | 01.Oct. – 10.Oct.2009 |
| QSL manager / QSL route | DJ8NK via bureau or QRZ.COM |
| Budget estimated for Dxpedition | \$68.000 |
| Position on most wanted list: | 20 |
| Landing permit/operating permission approved. | yes,yes |
| Last time this entity was activated | Feb. 2001 |
| Typical interval between activations | 1989,1989,1990,2001 |
| Anyone planning to activate this entity before your DXpedition | no |
| Objective / Strategy | 4 stations simultaneous, 20m 24 hours per day, low bands, CW,SSB,RTTY,PSK |
| SEDXC member initiating request | no |
| SEDXC member(s) participating | no |
| Funding amount requested | |
| Send Funds to: | via PayPal or Leon K2EWB as per our WEB page |
| SEDXC logo on QSL cards? | yes, if >\$500 |
| SEDXC logo on web page? | yes |
| <p>Additional comments: Hawa (DK9KX) activated Conway Reef for the very first time in 1989 as 3D2CR, so the call 3D20CR was issued to commemorate this activation 20 years ago. Dieter(DJ9ON) was also a member of this first crew. All crew members are highly experienced Dxpeditors, 5 of them were together on Chesterfield TX9, 6 of them hold HR#1 and 1 of them needs only one: Conway Reef Hi Hi</p> <p>In the meantime we added with DJ9HX one more operator to the team, which will permit us to run 4 stations simultaneously around clock.</p> <p>The crew is prepared to pay about half of the expenses, but hopes for good contributions.</p> | |

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| Date published in the newsletter | |
| Results of member review at the meeting: (approved / disapproved) | |
| Funds disbursed on date: | |
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