



Southeastern DX Club

W4NT

THE SOUTH'S PREMIER DX CLUB
September 2009

President's Report:



First the sunspots are out of whack, and now the moon is too, and not rising at the right time. See <http://spaceweather.com/> for details on this pre-Halloween event.

Actually, there are still two views on what is going to happen next. Dr. Hathaway of NASA, who spoke at Huntsville this year, has moved into the "very weak cycle" camp, but as he says, a very respected colleague in another research center is still predicting a lallapalooza. Supporting this view is the sunspotless day data from 1954, which was grim indeed, only to be followed by the fantastic conditions in 1957. Whatever the case, I can hear the bands starting their fall trip down the runway already, and 40m conditions are telling me we are going to have a nice winter, at least on the low bands.

We are ready to go with a SEDXC members-only contest idea proposed by Don, N4HH. We will start on October 1 and end on the last day of October, with a new contest starting on the first of each following month. The rules are very simple. There will be two classifications: low power ($\leq 100W$) and high power. The score will be the number of DX entities worked. You get credit for an

entity only once regardless of band or mode. The entities are those on the ARRL DXCC list. You do not submit a log—just inform WB4SQ by email or phone (you may want to confirm your email gets to Gary as email problems do occur) of your total for the month. You can win only once per year; once you have won in either power category you will have to wait until October 2010 to win again. Each winner will receive a handsome memento to display on the shack wall.

Don mentioned at our last meeting that he was in the process of selling his house in Virginia Highlands. He seems to have in fact sold it, with the closing in early October. Don is not quite sure where he will establish his next ham shack, but he has the ability to put up a tall tower free of restrictions as a goal. We all hope Don will stay in the Atlanta area, as he has been a club stalwart for more years than anyone can count.

See you at the meeting, and keep those Palos Verdes Sundancer chants going.

73
Bob W2WG

Vice President's Report:

Our September program will be presented by Wey Walker, K8EAB who with his band of dxpeditors went on "A Suitcase Dxpedition." In February 2009, eight hams from all over the U.S. converged to go on a one-week DXpedition to the Island of St. Martin in the Caribbean. Their goal was to work lots of stations from all over the world using only the radio equipment that could fit into two 50-pound suitcases or less for each person.

They operated from both the French (FS) and Dutch (PJ7) sides of the Island, and several of their group made a side-trip to Saba Island (PJ6).

No amplifiers, no towers, no beams ... just 5 to 100 watt transceivers and The Buddipole Antenna system.

Wey is from Cumming, GA and was a member of this expedition. He will give a brief slide presentation and time permitting offer the members the option of viewing the video of their Suitcase DXpedition.

How did they do? Come to the September SEDXC meeting to find out !!!

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund balance \$ 5203.06

Disbursements in the month were for the summer picnic \$281.00 and funding for the Conway Reef DXpedition \$500.00

The club collected enough from donations and small equipment sales to send Tonya Zingleman another check in the amount of \$1,000.

I received word from Randy Rowe, NØTG, that the CYØ (Sable Island) DXpedition is on hold and that they are returning our check. Randy's son is undergoing treatment for kidney cancer. Our thoughts are with them as they fight through this.

Gud Dxing.

Mike, ND4V

Huntsville Hamfest:

From all reports everyone who went to the Huntsville Hamfest had a great time. The talk of the forums seemed to be the one given by Dr. Hathaway of NASA. It sounds like he would be a great speaker for the SEDXC sometime.

The SEDXC table was well received and was under the careful management of Mike, ND4V, as shown in the following photo.



No Activities Report this Month.

Secretaries Report:

SEDXC minutes of Regular meeting
August 19, 2009

Meeting called to order by Bob Carroll,
W2WG at 7:29PM.

46 attendees

5 new people attended (KF4JDF, AF4MP,
KØNWT, N4IA, and AF4UD)

After introductions all around Jim, KT4MM, introduced our speaker for the evening – Greg Abernathy, AI4UD, at 7:35 PM. Greg's topic was Lightning and Grounding. Greg stated he wanted the presentation to be interactive, and many good questions were asked and answered during the next hour. Greg is obviously an expert on the subject, and something was learned by all who attended. Greg was presented with a framed token of our appreciation for his efforts in talking to our club.

After a short break to sell raffle tickets and shoot the bull the business portion of the meeting was convened. Notable items during the business meeting included:

1. Bob Allphin, K4UEE, was honored with a plaque with gavel for his presidency over the past 2 years.

2. Ernie Zingleman, KS4Q, had worked the Yeman expedition in 2000 and "Top of the Honor Roll" will be awarded him posthumously; it was the last one Ernie needed.
3. Bob, K4UEE, presented TI5ØDX plaques to members of the Team who won the ARRL Phone DX Contest in 2008.
4. Helping sell Ernie's ham radio estate has netted the family \$4495 so far. Work continues on the effort. Prime movers on the effort have been Jim, K4DLI, Don, N4HH and Bill, N4NX.
5. John Laney, K4BAI and Jeff Clarke, KU4E won the CQWW in their category; John upgraded to Extra from General at the Huntsville hamfest!!!!
6. Note from Bill N4NX – organize your equipment! The team is glad to help with Ernie's estate, but it is a LABOR of love without any visible organization. Are we all guilty?
7. The Executive Committee recommended funding the upcoming Conway Reef at the \$500 level (gets us on the web site and card). Norm Schklar, WA4ZXV, seconded the motion. The club voted to fund at \$500.00.
8. News from Local Clubs included;
 - a. Special event station W4LZU showcasing the visiting DC-3 will be on the air the weekend of August 29 at the Gwinnett airfield. The following weekend will highlight the visiting B-17.
 - b. The GARS Techfest will be held on January 9, 2010.
9. Old Business – None
10. New Business
 - a. National Wildlife Refuge Week was discussed. SEDXC is trying to obtain permission to operate near Macon; Paul Newbury is trying to get permission.
 - b. K4UEE noted that this activity is sponsored by the KP5-1 Group and was a help in getting Descheo on the air.
 - c. K4UEE further noted that George, N4GRN, is trying to get permission at a NWF site in

North Carolina, and that there are 10 spots that have permission nationwide at this time.

11. Activities Chairman Gary McConville, WB4SQ, asked if anyone is going to SEDCO on the 25th of September. Several said they were planning to go. Gary also noted that 7 people renewed memberships and 2 people joined our club at the Huntsville Hamfest.
12. Membership Chairman Bill Barr, N4NX, reminded all that dues were due in July and that we can pay using PayPal on the website. He also noted that a Mississippi joinee liked the idea we have associate and full memberships available.
13. Tech High School, a magnet school, is getting their ham station back on the air. Jim Stafford, W4QO, and Bob Carroll, W2WG, will be assisting on August 21.
14. Jim Cummings, KT4MM, our VEEP, asked that we all chip in for ideas on programs.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wes – W3WL

First Ever Hamfest:

Our Ham Friends at the LaGrange Amateur Radio Club are having their first Hamfest. Here are the details.

Dear fellow Ham Club;

Please announce at your next meeting and on any nets in your area the following announcement:

On October 3rd you are invited to the first ever LaGrange Hamfest and Electronics Expo. The LaGrange Amateur Radio Club will be celebrating 20 years as a club and hosting its first hamfest.

The event promises to be exciting to all ages. There will be exhibits and seminars. Some expected topics include radio location, APRS, D-Star, packet, new hams and more. The West Point Police Department will be demonstrating their Command Trailer that is used for Search and Rescue and Disaster Response. Other public service agencies and businesses will be showing their equipment and demonstrating how it is used.

The club will be operating a special event station during the day. There will be a certificate for all that contact K4L on HF packet. The main vendor area is indoor and air conditioned. You will be comfortable regardless of the weather outside. Tailgating and socializing is also encouraged. There will be prize drawings through out the morning. This is your chance to get something special for the price of a raffle ticket. Come hungry, the club will be cooking breakfast and lunch southern style, through out the event.

The LaGrange Amateur Radio Club testing team will hold an exam session for all levels of Amateur Radio Licenses during the hamfest. Don't forget to bring a photo identification card.

The event will be at Oakside Baptist Church at 1421 Hamilton Road, LaGrange, GA. The doors open at 8:00 AM with the last prize drawing at 1:00 PM. For more information contact Gary at 334-863-6814 or email us at lagrangehamfest@yahoo.com. Club information is available at www.lagrangeradioclub.org. Some tables and vendor space is still available.

We need your help and ask that you announce and post this as often as possible. If your club is interested in hosting an exhibit or seminar, please call us. We are all sharing a wonderful hobby, let us work together for the benefit of all.

Be sure to see the Funding Support Request for Glorioso Island and the schedule of events for SEDCO on the last two pages.

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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 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

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.

SEDXC WEBPAGE
www.sedxc.org

SEDXC REFLECTOR sedxc@contesting.com

Entity Name / Call Sign	Glorioso / FT5GA
Web page	http://glorieuses2008.free.fr/index-e.htm
Team leader / number of members:	F5OGL / 6 members on on-island team
Date of Dxpediton	September, 2009
QSL manager / QSL route	F5OGL
Budget estimated for Dxpediton	\$120,000
Position on most wanted list:	5
Landing permit/operating permission approved.	Yes
Last time this entity was activated	1998
Typical interval between activations	11 years
Anyone planning to activate this entity before your DXpediton	No
Objective / Strategy	See web page
SEDXC member initiating request	W3WL
SEDXC member(s) participating	No
Funding amount requested	\$250
Send Funds to:	N5FG
SEDXC logo on QSL cards?	Yes
SEDXC logo on web page	Yes
Additional comments: Floyd, N5FG, will hold funds until expedition is actually underway. Our logo will appear on the web page immediately.	

Internal Use

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



<http://www.sedco.homestead.com>

SEDCO V -- Sept 26, 2009 Program...Pigeon Forge, TN

We are now "officially" an ARRL sanctioned *Operating Specialty Convention* (SEDCO V Conference) under the sponsorship/leadership of the SouthEastern DX and Contesting Organization, Inc. a Non-Profit Organization.

This year we are pleased and honored to have factory representatives from ICOM, TEN TEC and YAESU on hand with a display of their equipment in the lobby area. There will also be a display of Elecraft equipment and information.

1100: Registration at the MainStay Convention Center.

Location is at the back part of the MainStay with plenty of easy convenient parking.

Free snacks, water/soft drinks at the back of the room all day.. help yourself anytime. Those with convention tickets are eligible for many super prizes.

- 1200-1230: Introduction/Announcements, etc by Lynn, W4NL
1230-1305: Dave Anderson, K4SV: "TO5DX - St. Barthelemy"
1305-1310: Set-up - GIVE THREE PRIZES
1310-1345: Kirk Pickering, K4RO: "Contesting 101 - How to Maximize your Score and you're Fun"
1345-1350: Set-up - GIVE THREE PRIZES
1350-1425: Josh Fisher, W4WJF/VK9DWF: "A Rookie's Experience Down Under"
1425-1445: BREAK & Set-up - GIVE THREE PRIZES
1445-1520: Jim Hall, AD4EB: "RTTY Contesting Basics"
1520-1525: Set-up - GIVE THREE PRIZES
1525-1600: Jay Slough, K4ZLE: "Trials of Installing Towers"
1600-1605: Set-up - GIVE THREE PRIZES
1605-1640: Ward Silver, NØAX: "W1AW/KL7, I Can See UAØ from Here & So You Think You Have Enough Towers"
1640-1655: BREAK & Set-up - GIVE THREE PRIZES
1655-1730: Dennis Motschenbacher, K7BV: "5JØBV 6 Meter DXpedition"
1730-1735: Set-up - GIVE THREE PRIZES
1735-1810: Carl Smith, N4AA/C6AAA: "Keep Left" - BAHAMA ROADS
1810-1820: GIVE THREE PRIZES...then B R E A K - Prepare For Dinner
1900-2030: Dinner, Recognition, Fellowship - Prize Drawings
2030-2045: BREAK for resumption of convention
2045-2130 Bob Allphin, K4UEE: "Desecheo 2009 - So rare; So near; Yet so far!"

FINAL PRIZES & CLOSING COMMENTS by Lynn Lamb, W4NL