



# Southeastern DX Club W4NT

THE SOUTH'S PREMIER DX CLUB

December 2009

## Presidents Report:

Wow—what a party. The affair at Harry and Penny's house was one to remember. A lot of happy revelers were there, and the house was in fine trim for the holidays. No one went home hungry or thirsty. I noticed Harry's ham shack got a lot of visitors, and quite a few hams were pointing out the equipment including the desk to their wives, perhaps in hope of finding something that nice under the tree. That ACOM amp sure looked good—I'll have to check at dawn on the 25<sup>th</sup>. The Executive Committee and I would like to express our thanks to Harry and Penny, and in addition to other members of the crew who made the party run like a finely tuned Jaguar—of course several of the crew ARE on the Committee. Chaz and Gael and Bill and Leah working with Harry and Penny put together a really classy affair. Thanks!

The flux has certainly been looking up as a result of the latest very large sunspot group and the fiercest flare of Cycle 24. I hope that is a sign of things to come. The dawn patrol has been doing well on the low bands, particularly just before sunrise, and we are hoping for something special on 160m as a Christmas present. I have been noticing that some of the crew are hearing the lowband DX much better (maybe 4-5 S units) than others—and these are the folks who have gotten up a K9AY and massaged it to minimize unwanted common more pickup. I have been getting around to it for too long now, and there is actually a skeleton of a K9AY somewhere in my forest which went up last year but which I can't seem to find. With winter at hand, think about putting one up. It's likely to stay up a lot longer than a Beverage in locations with overhanging trees

or stampeding deer. It should be a lot easier to get one up in the Sunny South than it was during the winter at my previous QTH.



Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Best for 2010!

Bob, W2WG, SEDXC President



Gary Poorman, K4VT (SK)  
Gary passed away on December  
23<sup>rd</sup>..

## Vice Presidents Report:

No report this month. He has a good reason.

Just had a cataract removed and my vision is still quick blurry. Just can't stay away from the computer but having one eye fixed and the other a mess makes working the computer troublesome.

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## Secretaries Report:

### Minutes of November SEDXC meeting

The official November meeting was held in conjunction with the North Fulton Amateur Radio League (NFARL) on November 19, 2009. NFARL had invited all local clubs to attend the meeting and hear guest speaker Joel Hallas, W1ZR, who writes "The Doctor Is In" column in QST. The meeting was held in the Roswell City Hall and over 200 people representing 14 area clubs were in attendance.

Mack McCormick, President of NFARL, introduced Joel and Joel fielded questions and lead the discussions for almost an hour on a variety of topics. In addition, Susan Swiderski, AF4FO, received the ARRL Distinguished Service Award for her outstanding tenure as Georgia SCM for over eight years. Susan received a standing ovation from the attendees.

A drawing was held for a Yaesu 857 and Jim Stafford, W4QO, was the winner. After the NFARL meeting was adjourned the members of the SEDXC caucused. A motion to fund the TX3A expedition in the amount of \$300 was introduced and seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wes – W3WL  
Secretary, SEDXC

## Treasurers Report:

At November 30, 2009

Beginning Balance from October:

\$6,283.28

Receipts in the month of November :

Membership Renewals	\$530.00
New Members	12.00
<u>Badges Pins and Patches</u>	<u>24.00</u>
Total Received	\$566.00

Disbursements in the month were:

DxPedition TX3A	300.00
<u>DaK Sound System</u>	<u>176.70</u>
Total disbursed	\$476.70

Operating account balance	\$5,812.58
Deposit in Transit	188.00
<u>Approximate PayPal Balance*</u>	<u>372.00</u>

Balance end of November \$6,372.58

\* Does not reflect associated PayPal fees

If you are still holding any of the Beijing model IRC's, hot foot it down to the post office before December 31 and swap the foreign issued ones for airmail foreign postage stamps. You can use the US issued ones for credit (issue price + affixed stamps - \$0.01) toward the new Nairobi model IRC.

I struck a deal with VQ9LA to buy his surplus new model IRC's . Have about 20 on hand. I will be at Techfest with a table on QSL'ing. I'll bring them with me – price \$2.00 each.

Good DX,  
Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah,  
de Mike, ND4V

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## Activities Report:

No report this month.

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We have received word that Steve Shrader, WA4GOX, has become a Silent Key. Steve and his wife Carol, WI4K, lived in the Atlanta area for several years and were active in the SEDXC before moving to Virginia Beach. Here is the obituary received from Mike Combs, K4LMS.

**VIRGINIA BEACH** - Lon Stephen Shrader died Dec. 8, 2009 at his home of 23 years in the Thoroughgood neighborhood of Virginia Beach.

Born March 28, 1948 in South Charleston, W.Va., he is survived by his wife of 31 years, Carol Mills Shrader; son, Neal Paul Shrader of New York City; daughter, Michele Lee Shrader of Carthage, Texas; mother, Pauline Neal Shrader of St. Albans, W.Va.; two sisters, Carolyn Simpson of St. Albans, W.Va., and Sharon Swigger of Conroe, Texas; a very special uncle, Donald L. Edwards of Virginia Beach; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Lon McCue Shrader.

At an early age, Steve developed a love for broadcast engineering and amateur radio. As a teenager, he volunteered to do odd jobs at a local radio station if he would be allowed to work with the chief engineer. His special talent in electronics quickly propelled him up the industry ranks, and he eventually became director of Broadcast Operations for Rollins Communications in Atlanta, where his future wife Carol also worked. The family later moved to Hampton Roads as a part of the media group, headed by dear friend Paul Downs, which transformed a small country and western radio station into 106.9 "Fox."

When the station was sold in the early 90s, Steve became a partner with friends Chuck and Bob Rippel in the regional electronics repair firm Audio Video Service Labs. His amateur radio interest led to a special partnership and the firm also began doing business as Kenwood Service Center East. Steve then became known across the country as "the" expert in the repair and operation of that firm amateur radio transceivers. The business has been blessed with many long term loyal employees who also survive and mourn Steve's loss.

Steve loved computers, music, taking his wife out to dinner, and restoring his boat "Steve's Beach." He was a member of the Norfolk Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

A memorial service was held at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, at Old Donation Episcopal Church, 4449 N. Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, with a reception following.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a living memorial in the form of book donations to the DAR Library in Washington, D.C. To facilitate your donation, checks may be made payable to the Lynnhaven Parish Chapter NSDAR, 5268 Albright Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23464. Cremation & Funeral Services of Tidewater assisted the family.

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Bob, W4BRS, sent this out and is trying to help sell the estate of a Silent Key ham friend. We all know how true this is with the recent loss of Ernie, KS4Q.

Just want to mention a few things about our hobby. If you are like most Hams, your wife probably does not know much about your hobby. My wife has her hobbies and I have mine. She knows little or nothing about Ham Radio. So what if I were to pass on out of this earth? What would she do with all of my Ham Gear? She would be at the mercy of the hearse chaser Hams that try to steal equipment for little or nothing.

What I have done is pick a Ham Friend that I trust and is honest to help her sell off the gear that is left behind. I know that he will do his best to see that a fair price is received for what is sold for her. I suggest that you do the same thing if you have not already done so.

Having said all of that, there is a widow of a Silent Key here in Anderson who has some equipment that she needs to sell. James Hampton, WA4JWS is handling this estate and I am trying to help him sell this equipment.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would put this information out to your Ham Buddies on the air or forward this mail to them.

### TRI-EX Tower.

This is a model LM-354E galvanized steel tower. It nestles in at 23 feet and is a three section tower that cranks up and also cranks over.. It is in very good condition. It has a Hy-Gain 204BA-S four element beam on twenty meters.. Also, a Hy-Gain Ham IV Rotor with all the coax and control cable, (at least 100 feet. It could be hauled on a trailer or on top of a pick-up with a good rack.

To be sold as a package, Asking price is \$1000.00 (\$2900.00 new) so this is a great deal!

Next is a Dentron QRO Amplifier. This amp looks like new !. It uses four 572-B tubes and is capable of 1000 watts CW or 2000 WATS PEP sideband. Will run either 110 or 220 volts. Asking Price, \$650.00

I can send pictures if anyone requests them. Thanks for any help you can give. Bob W4BRS w4brs@arrl.net

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Well done Mike!!!

I understand congratulations are in order to Mike, K4PI, for working his last Zone on 160-meters. Zone 23 is not easy to obtain but Mike made it with JT1CO and I understand the JT1CO log has already been uploaded to the LOTW.

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By the way, in looking at some really old SEDXC Bulletins I find this short article written by the above mentioned K4PI. From March 1988 Bulletin.

Since I don't use a computer for logging or scoring, I may not be the one to write this, but I saw some information on logging software that I found interesting. One of the articles was in March 1988 CQ. It showed the use of a Commodore 64 for on line logging. Software was from N4ZR. Another article is in March 1988 QST under the "On Line" section. It mentions use of IBM PC software and Commodore 64 software for logging. Ed, K4SB, one of our members has a software program he markets for TRS-80 series machines. I can see some type of computer in the future for my logging on post-contest log preparation. It is much too time consuming to keep recopying by hand.

Mike, K4PI

**MY HOW TIMES DO CHANGE!!!!**

You never know how long something you write will stay around, or how true it will be in the future. I have several old bulletins around here and may resurrect some items from time to time.

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Another item of interest to some may be the fact that our exalted "Web Master" has informed me that there will soon be pictures of the Christmas Party on our web site at [www.sedxc.org/holidayparty2009.htm](http://www.sedxc.org/holidayparty2009.htm) If you weren't there, check out what you missed.

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One last item is we have received a request to help fund a DXpedition. Here are the details.

Entity Name / Call Sign Rep. of Iraq YI9PSE

Web page: <http://www.yi9pse.com/index.html>

Team leader / number of members: Paul N6PSE (10)

- \* N6PSE - Paul Ewing
- \* N6NU - Andreas Junge
- \* N6OX - Bob Grimmick
- \* W8HW - Bruce Campbell
- \* NI6T - Garry Shapiro

\* JH4RHF - Jun Tanaka

- \* AH6HY - David Flack
- \* N2WB - Bill Beyer
- \* YI1UNH - Heathem Sabah
- \* K3VN - Al Hernandez

Date of DXpedition April 2010

QSL manager / QSL route QSL via N6NKT  
George Williams  
3600 Springbrook Dr  
San Jose, CA 95148  
USA

The Pilots Stations.....

- \* AA6G - Chuck Vaughn - (West Coast Pilot)
- \* N1DG - Don Greenbaum - (East Coast Pilot)
- \* JA1ELY - Toshikazu Kusano - (JA Pilot)

Budget estimated for Dxpediton \$55,000 (+) total.

Position on most wanted list:

Ranked # 18 Mixed Modes PST Zone of NA.  
Ranked # 20 Mixed Modes MST Zone of NA.  
Ranked #38 Mixed Modes CST Zone of NA.  
Ranked #48 NA mixed Modes.  
Ranked #92 AF,OC, SA Mixed Modes  
Hard areas: JA, VK, ZL and West Coast of NA.

Landing permit/operating permission approved. YES/LIC YI9PSE

Last time this entity was activated 2009 (US Military)  
One Person, small set-up.

Typical interval between activations 1 year.

Anyone planning to activate this entity before your Dxpediton: No

Objective / Strategy See web page....  
SEDXC member initiating request Bill N2WB  
SEDXC member(s) participating YES / N2WB

Funding amount requested \$350

Send Funds to: N6PSE

SEDXC logo on QSL cards? Yes  
SEDXC logo on web page Yes

Additional comments: First major Expedition to Iraq in many years. 10 members - International team. If USA/UK pulls out, may be some years before next one.

The SEDXC board has been polled and all have recommended that the Expedition be funded.

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Everyone have a Merry Christmas , Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year.

Jim K4DLI Editor

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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 Megac1st)

(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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