



Monthly Activity Newsletter – October 2011

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This is my first newsletter and the format is evolving so if you have any suggestions please let me know. I plan on highlighting upcoming contests and activities for the next month so let me know what you are up to and support your fellow SECC members' efforts!

Station Activities:

WW4LL: Fred is planning to be active in the CQ WW SSB although entry class has yet to be determined. Maybe MS or M2. Fred will be giving a presentation at the SEDXC meeting on November 17th on contest station set-ups. <http://www.sedxc.org/>

K4BAI: Let's face it, John is active everywhere, but in major fall contests it will be with the NQ4I team in the CQ WW SSB and at WW4LL for SS CW. PJ will follow in November.

NQ4I: Rick will again be making a big splash in the CQ WW SSB contest. His MM station has a gravitational field that not only pulls in a large number of SECC members but also extends south to the FCG. In the past, it has been difficult to compete with the North East MM's, especially on 80M so Rick and his team have been working all summer to erect a 12 el log periodic off a new 135' tower. Lots of design considerations including clearing a few acres of forest under the new array. This is an interim step on the tower but in each scenario, there will be a 4 el 40M yagi on top. When not helping with the new antenna, Jeff W4DD has been busy upgrading station filters, a vital element of successful MM's. SECC members will include Val N4RJ, Bill AA4LR, Mark W4SVO, Jim VE7ZO, John W4IX, Dennis K4NV, John K4BAI, Ann WA1S, Jeff W4DD, Larry N4FD and Rick NQ4I.

T18M: CQ WW SSB, M2 by Eddie K4UN, Bob W4BW, Keith W4KTR and Lex W4XO with a host of T1's. Look for them on all bands as M2.

W8JI: What can you do to improve Tom's world class 160M receiving arrays? More beverages of course! The new ones will be more remote from the tx antenna to improve multiplier station efficiency. Tom will be on the program at HamJam 2011 on October 22nd speaking on "antenna myths". For the full North Fulton County/SEDXC program, see <http://hamjam.info/>

N4GG: Hal, just back from giving a paper at the SEDCO/W4DXCC on "improving low band transmit antenna performance using shorter radials" is fine tuning his station for the upcoming fall season. Hal was amongst a number of other SECC members giving out Q's in the CQP last weekend.

WI4R: Lee has not made commitments yet to specific contests but he has recently erected a 5 band 2 el quad that is working gangbusters. Look for him in the pile-ups.

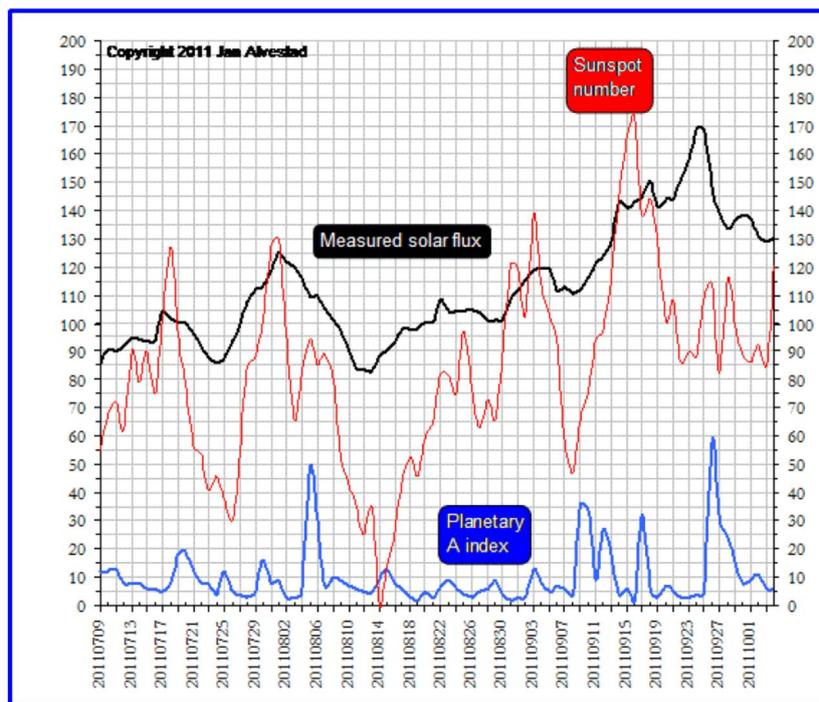
Other News:

WRTC 2014: John, K4BAI wrote a note this week on the reflector regarding WRTC 2014 having a fund raising plan to sponsor one or more of the operating tents. Cost is \$1,000 and we have already had preliminary contributors pledging about half that amount. Nice way of helping the organizers and making the SECC visible. In Russia we had support teams at each location – 3 or 4 hams to ensure the generators kept running and to resolve any non-operating issues. It would be nice if we could have SECC volunteers to man our tent! Let John know if you are interested in sponsorship of this worthy event. <http://wrtc2014.org/sponsors/station-sponsors/>

IARU Contest Calls: I've e-mailed K1ZZ regarding the availability of W1AW/4 or NU1AW/4 for the 2012 IARU contest but unfortunately both calls were already spoken for. The plan was to share band activity from some of our prominent stations as I'm sure we could do an excellent job here in the southeast. We are on the list.

ARRL SS - CW and SSB: The SECC has won the Medium Club Gavel Competition twice before. What about 2011? Last year we had 12 CW entries with Paul N4PN leading SO and 9 SSB entries (Fred's M team missed the top 10 by one slot).

Propagation: Jeff W4DD recommended that I include the latest propagation numbers. It's been a while since we've seen numbers like this – enjoy!



Please drop me a note if you have any event/activity that you would like to share with the club. My contact information is ve7zo@hotmail.com or I'm also available at 608-346-2193.

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