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Announcements

The February 10th Meeting will be at **Ryan's Steak House** on 34th street. To get there, take the second exit off of 290 outbound (34th street, Antoine) from the 610 Loop. Turn left under the freeway on 34th street. The restaurant is ½ a block on the left. Dinner is at 6:30. Meeting to follow

How to Reach Us

On the World Wide Web: <http://www.tdxx.org>
On 2 Meters: 147.96/36 MHz
On 70 Cm: 447.00/442.00 (103.5 Hz)
On Packet: Connect to **TDXS71** (145.71) then connect to K5LV
Reflector: Send to: majordomo@moonbounce.n5iq.org
In the body of your message only put: subscribe tdxx-list
do *not* include your email address, as the reflector will pick it up automatically. Put nothing in the subject line.

The Prez Sez- de Earl, N5TU

The banquet had a good turn out and I was glad to see some faces come out of the woodwork for the event. Everyone had a good time and The Confederate House was very hospitable.

As I have said before, the TDXS is in pretty good shape. The repeater is working, the DXcluster is in good shape, and the treasury is still solvent. The one thing that the TDXS seems to be missing is activities. The TDXS has been famous (infamous?) for doing wild things. Activities like K5LZO's multimulti Sweepstakes operation, the 23 Battery Field Day effort, Armadillo County, and all the wild trips south of the border have always been the trademarks of the TDXS. Now it seems we have difficulties fielding a 5 man team for NAQP.

Maybe everyone has burnout or maybe all the active personalities have wandered away. Whatever the case I propose the following remedies:

- 1) I propose that we start improving our activities at our monthly meeting by having an established program at each meeting. I'll start this out at our March meeting by conducting a tour of the Compaq Emissions Control Laboratory. I have already secured permission and just need

Prez Sez continued

to smooth out the logistics before March. After that we will need to help our VP in organizing future programs.

- 2) I would like to see one motivated individual step forward and take the Field Day Chairman's position. This is the 30th anniversary of TDXS's Field Day operations and I think we should do something different. We could set up two or three 1A stations and try to capture all the top spots in that category. Or maybe a QRP operation or start setup when the thing starts on Saturday. The specifics can be up to the chairman. He doesn't have to do it all but it takes one person to organize the others. Whatever we do I would like to see it done in the TDXS tradition.
- 3) Last, we need to get an active recruitment going. Nobody is getting younger and at 37 I am almost the youngest one in the club. I think NN5DX has me beat. Anyway with no new blood the TDXS will eventually disappear. Prospective new members need to be invited out to Field Day and see us in action. TDXSers need to be recruiting any DXers and Contesters at their regular club meeting of the local club. We need to be inviting these people to our meetings and activities.

I'll see you at the meeting, hopefully fired up!

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DX REPORT BY BUZZ, N5UR

Well anyone who needed XZ should have XZ0A in the log after their marathon 2 week plus operation which will end Feb 6. Unfortunately this West Coast group hasn't a clue where the Midwest is nor what our propagation is. Their website says it all, times for East and West Coast, those in between too bad. The other morning on 75 they ran 1 2 3 4s and repeated until 6:40 local time and then went QRT, 30 minutes before our sunrise. Likewise on 10, they seem to prefer coming up for West Coast sunset or one to two hours late for us. This was the same mode of operation for their earlier XZ and 8Q7 operations. Most frustrating for those of us who try on all bands. FYI this is a brand new IOTA AS-144 Thahtay Khun Island, QSL via W1XT Bob Myers 37875 North 10th ST Phoenix, AZ 85086. I guess I'm getting old a crotchity, but getting up early for two weeks with nothing to show will drive you nuts. My bet is their goal is to break 100,000 QSOs, we'll see.

February should have two rare/new IOTAs, and FO/c Clipperton is due up the first of March so I am warning you now if you need this one.

FEB10-14 SA-NEW 10-80 metres CW and SSB Pinguino Island
Argentina via LU5DV

FEB??? SA-NEW by HK3JJH/4 Pelon de Napu Island Colombia

MAR1-8 CLIPPERTON details on

<http://www.qsl.net/clipperton2000>

MAR8-16 AF-067 5Z4WI this IOTA was only on one day 6 years ago,
so most still need it. QSL via G3SWH, either direct (Phil Whitchurch,
21 Dickensons Grove, Congresbury, Bristol, BS49 5HQ, United Kingdom)
or through the RSGB bureau.

DX Report by Buzz Continued

Here are some other noteworthy operations from the 425 DX News Sheet:

VK9C - Richard/DJ4OI, Bernd/DJ3OS and Joachim/DF6IC will be active (on 10-160 metres SSB, Pactor-II and PSK plus 6 metres, callsign(s) not mentioned) from Cocos Island (OC-003) between 5 and

16 February. VK9_xms - After their activity from Cocos, Richard/DJ4OI, Bernd/DJ3OS and Joachim/DF6IC will move to Christmas Island (OC-002) and be active until 26 February. [TNX VK2SG RTTY DX Notes]

VK0_mac - For those who have asked: yes, AX0LD was the genuine Alan, VK0MM (ex VK0LD), who was allowed to use this call on 25-26 January (from 13 UTC to 13 UTC) to celebrate Australia Day. For latest information on Alan's operating schedules please visit <http://www.geocities.com/vk0ld/1.html> Lots of controversy around this guy's operating habits, but he was a chinch to work on 20 and 30 on Australia day. Just follow the times freqs as posted on his website, don't call out of turn and you will get in the log. VP6 - Jukka, VP6BR is now on Pitcairn Island (OC-044). He was easy to work on 160 during last weekends contest and has been active all bands 160-10, he may operate 6 but I will never know! He also hopes to visit some of the outlying VP6 IOTAs if transportation becomes available. He will be there a couple of months and is an excellent operator. <http://www.qsl.net/oh2br/> QSL via OH2BR.

Stay active, especially at sunrise/sunset. AP been coming through on 10 in the mornings, I heard 9N7RM on 12 this morning, but the 5s calling couldn't break the East Coast/Europe pileup. The XZ0A has been workable on 12 several times, usually about sunset here, we are too far west for the morning East Coast opening, or at least my A3WS can't hear!

Bring me your QSLs at the next meeting for the ARRL. At \$6/pound, this is a great benefit. CU there.

CONTEST CORNER BY DALE, KG5U

Ladies and gentlemen,

Most all of you missed it. It was soooo coooool. You were out partying and celebrating the rollover and looking for Y2K bugs. What you missed was the 14th (that many already???) running of the Internet Sprint (CW) contest. This two-hour, two-band (this year, most everybody seemed to stay on one band—20m), name-changing, frequency-hopping, work-'em-again-after-three-QSO's contest is a real blast.

There are some interesting aspects to this contest: (1) You MUST submit your logs via e-mail within 72 hours after the contest; (2) If someone you worked DOESN'T submit their log, you lose the contact; (3) North American Sprint frequency rules are used in this contest; (4) You can work a station again if it's been three or more QSO's since you last worked him; (5) You begin the contest with your name (or a made up name) and then use the name given you by every subsequent QSO — some of the evolutionary changes to names are interesting to watch; and (6) You can tell when someone is not 'fully up' on the contest rules—they sit on one frequency and give out their own name for every QSO. The results have already been posted. The analysis has already been done. Here are some of the results:

Q's	NG	RXNG	TXNG	Dupe	NL	Accuracy
N5KO	- 170	12	5	7		97.3% <<<First Place
N5LZ	- 102	11	7	3	3	95.3 <<<12th place
KG5U	- 94	10	2	8	1	1 98.1 <<<15th place
N5TU	- 82	16	14	3	1	85.7 <<<18th place
K5TR	- 53	9	6	3		90.3 <<<24th place
K5ZD	- 39	8	2	4	2	1 95.7 <<<26th place—Randy some lame-o excuse about not knowing it was on until it was 75% over!

NG = Contacts not credited

RXNG= You busted the info

TXNG= The other station op busted your info

Dupe = Dupe (it's amazing how easy it is to NOT see the guys call in your log within 3 QSO's of the current line!)

NL = No log from the other station

Q's + NL + NG = claimed score

I'll bring in the complete results and the analysis of the contest to the next meeting. It really is interesting.

Contest Corner by Dale, KG5U Continued

The Fourteenth Annual School Club Roundup (2000)

The January 2000 QST Magazine carries the announcement for the SCR 2000. This 5-day long contest begins at 1300Z, Monday, February 14 and ends at 0100Z, Saturday, February 19, 2000. The URL for the announcement at the ARRL website is <http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/00/scr.html>
Go to <http://www.hal-pc.org/~kg5u/scr-log.zip> to download the SCR Contest Logging software.

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North American Sprint - CW

By the time you read this, the late-winter North American Sprint SSB contest will have taken place. There's still time to sign up for the TDXS team and jump into the NA Sprint CW contest, 0000Z-0400Z, February 13. No matter how little time, effort, or expertise you can manage in the contest, get on and mix it up with some of the other top contesters in the country.

E-mail me at kg5u@hal-pc.org to sign up on the TDXS team.

TDXS NA Sprint CW Contest Team - 2/2000
K5GN, Dave, TX
W5ASP, Joe, TX
N5LZ, Don, TX
WA8GHZ, Jack, TX
KG5U, Dale, TX

Note: As of 2/3/00, the TDXS NA Sprint SSB Team only managed to pull three players out of the woodwork.

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ARRL International DX Contest

The ARRL DX Contest - CW - takes place 0000Z, February 19 through 2400Z, February 20. The SSB section takes place 0000Z, March 4 through 2400Z, March 5.

Some TDXS members are going down to Nuevo Laredo to play in the SSB &/or CW contest at XA5T. If you're interested in joining them (they DO need your help!), please contact Madison Jones, W5MJ, or OJ, K1OJ, for details.

If you don't go down, get on in one or both contests and have fun. If you do get on, send me your claimed score numbers. I'll post them in the next issue of the Bullsheet.

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More Member Contest Activity

2000 CQ WW 160M Contest

Call	Pwr	Q's	Dom	DX	Points
K5NA	HP	924	56	41	242,306
K5XR (W5ASP)		305	49	5	36,990

Have you been operating in the contests? Let me know, I'll make sure your early results/claimed scores get published.

73,
dale, kg5u

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CONTESTING IN OLD MEXICO, Part 26 de Madison Jones W5MJ

Once again TDXS members will be journeying to Enrique's Loco Bug Ranch outside of Nuevo Laredo to participate in the ARRL DX CW coming up on February 10-20. We join forces with CRANTAC from Larado and operate as XA5T. Our crew has been in the top 5 for the last several years in the multi-single or the multi-two category, and has high hopes of moving up in the rankings. We anticipate this year's team will include K5GN, K1OJ, WA8GHZ, W5SB and W5MJ, with a couple of other operators still working on their schedules. Plans are in the works for operating the SSB version on March 4-5, 2000, as well, but it's too early to say who might be available yet. If anyone is interested in going for either weekend, call Madison W5MJ at (713)621-6688 to pick up a spot.

Every year we make improvements to the equipment on site. TDXS purchased 2 Ham IV rotators from Barbara Coleman, WB5RUS, and we have overhauled one of them already. We hope to be able to get there early enough to install so we can avoid using the Armstrong rotator. The CW team will have two 15 meter beams operating again on the far tower, fixed NE and NW. That will give us a much better presence on that busy band than we have had in a number of years.

We always have room for one more, so mark your calendars so you can make the trip. For those who must stay at home, please make a point to work XA5T on every band. Every QSO counts!

PACKET RACKET BY JIM, N5DC

We have 70' of tower at the Dealership, on the ground. Plans are progressing to get the tower up, and move the K5LV Packet Cluster to NR5M's Dealership location. Those of you that are connecting direct to K5LV at my QTH may or may not have an easier time connecting direct. I will use a GPS and publish the coordinates of the new location, once we are on the air. George has again offered the use of his T-1 line. This will enable us to go to the WU3V site to get Stateside spots only. I don't feel that spots coming out of Europe would be of much use to our local gang here, but if enough want it, we can go to on of the OH web sites. I personally don't care, as I am using the IK5VYX software, at home, and have it setup to filter all spots, except those from stateside. My hope is that sometime in the next 6 to 8 weeks, this project will be complete. In the mean time, we will have to struggle along, as K5DXC cannot hold the UHF link, and he is the source for our Internet Spots. If you have any questions, or comments get in touch with me. I want to again thank George, NR5M for his offer of , not only a site, but the use of the T-1 line. When this project is complete, we will have one of the best, and most reliable Packet Cluster setups in the Country!

TEXAS DX SOCIETY ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

2/2/00

CALL	MEM#	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	ADDR1	CITY	STA	ZIP	HOME	WORK/FAX	EMAIL
W5KU	115	Dennis	Alexander	1964 FM 1094	Sealy	TX	77474	409-865-4838	713-646-6174/409-985-0438	w5ku@america.net
N5NV	53	Mike	Anderson	14718 Waynwood Dr	Cypress	TX	77036	281-373-4902	713-688-9100	imkcan@earthlink.net
N5EA	82	Tom	Astworth	4951 Westreather Drive	Houston	TX	77096	713-729-0939	713-986-2884	
K5GA	45	Burch	Barber	14014 Myrtle	Houston	TX	77079	281-497-0962	713-467-5071/467-5017	
K5GA	14	Bill	Bradford	2006 Saddle Creek Drive	Houston	TX	77090	281-631-9444	713-443-2300	k5ga@aol.com
K5UD	127	Mike	Brassassa	15039 Runnymede Street	Comroe	TX	77384-3402	409-273-4010	281-363-6293	brassassa@hal-pc.org
NSAQT	112	Joe	Brassfield	13111 Sycamore Lane	Humble	TX	77339	281-358-6439		
NSXZ	117	Allen	Brier	2018 Old Dixie Dr.	Richmond	TX	77469-6811	281-342-1882	74323.1140@CompuServe.com	
GM0ECC	118	Andy	Burns	Blairhill Farms Cottage	Kinrosshrie	GM	KY137PU	011-44-259-81451		
W5JSJ	64	Bob	Burns	6015 Deerwood	Houston	TX	77057	713-978-5937	281-463-7575/855-9739	burnsai@dp.com
NSLZ	123	Don	Butler	3814 Bluebird Way	Pearland	TX	77584	281-489-9832	713-500-4308	k13l@ix.netcom.com
NN5FO	116	Jim	Carmody	15910 Congo	Houston	TX	77040	713-466-1856	713-227-9000	carmodyjim@earthlink.com
W5BAK	147	Joey	Clements	1903 Brimberry	Houston	TX	77018	713-680-2744	713-977-3000	k5bak@aol.com
K1TU	132	Bob	Cooney	405 Leisure Lane	Friendswood	TX	77546	713-996-5292	281-992-8520 F/P	k1tu@aol.com
K5JV	131	Lon	Cottingham	11110 Golden Bear	Kingwood	TX	77339	281-358-4207		k5jv@vonl.com
NSMT	93	Mike	Davidson	3518 Bellona	Houston	TX	77025	713-668-8408	713-790-3049	nsmt@aol.com
NSDD	143	Don	Daze	8706 Wittingham Lane	Houston	TX	77055-6634	713-464-7286	713-853-7644	k5sak@amsat.org
KZ5MM	103	Chuck	Dietz	4396 Crox Pky	Manvel	TX	77578	281-489-4330	713-626-8171/626-8173	dietz@texas.net
K5LBU	148	Charles	Evens	13422 Sweet Surrender	Houston	TX	77041	713-937-0899	281-444-0572	bevans@keyresults.com
W5GCG	140	Ed	Frost	3722 Quailmeadow Dr	Missouri City	TX	77459-3730	281-437-1978	281-634-1982	806cfs64@fortbend.k12.tx.us
NJ1V	139	John	Gerber	2407 Briarlee Dr.	Houston	TX	77077	281-531-4170	281-647-5085	ng1v@arrl.net
K5NZ	137	Mike	Guida	155 Windmill Dr.	Hempstead	TX	77445	409-820-8434	409-395-4013	k5nz@aol.com
NSUR	141	Buzz	Jehle	POB 457	Beckas	TX	77831	409-395-4013	409-395-4013/409-395-6003	k5nz@aol.com
W5MJ	135	Madison	Jones	8 Leisure Lane	Houston	TX	77024-5123	713-464-6023	713-621-6688	dxei@orx.com
K5NA	1	Richard	King	RR1 Box 140	Spring	TX	77388	281-350-4330		w5na@hal-pc.org
NSDC	88	Jim	Lane	1602 Chestnut Ridge Rd	Kingwood	TX	77339	281-358-0051	281-358-0051	k5na@texas.net
W5XYL	114	Evie	Lane	1602 Chestnut Ridge Rd	Kingwood	TX	77339	281-358-0051	281-540-9145	nsdc@cmx.com
NT5D	106	Brent	Levit	7519 Romney Road	Houston	TX	77036	713-777-6352	713-749-9392	ntdc@cmx.com
KG5U	91	Date	Martin	12610 Barbizon	Houston	TX	77089	281-484-4465	281-244-7364	im.dlevi@insync.net
K5PFE	5	Robert	McWhorter	619 Third Street	Jasper	TX	75951	409-384-5540		k5u@hal-pc.org
W5LWM	25	Frank	Montgomery	6314 Wistler	Houston	TX	77008	713-862-4407	713-862-4407	
NSTU	138	Earl	Morse	33626 Commanche Trail	Magnolia	TX	77385	281-356-2128	281-927-3607	k28e@wt.net
NSAF	6	Sam	Neal	Box 152	Cleveland	TX	77327	800-801-5265	713-247-3775	
NSRP	108	Bob	Perring	12715 Westmere	Houston	TX	77077	281-483-5780	281-466-6751/466-1163	perring@texas.net
K1OJ	149	OJ	Quarles	11126 Rippling Meadows Dr.	Houston	TX	77064	281-955-1555	281-498-2007	k1oj@ditel.com
W5BN	111	Dave	Sarkoz	111 B Welch	Houston	TX	77006	713-520-5906	713-888-7091	dsarkoz@flash.net
W5HNS	58	Henry	Schneider	3518 Longwood	Pasadena	TX	77503	713-473-0097	713-321-4728	w5hns@aol.com
K5DX	20	Clarence	Sharp	216 Meyers Road	Highlands	TX	77562	281-843-2495		sharp5dx@aol.com
W5DX	107	Steve	Smithers	12703 Cloverwood Dr.	Cypress	TX	77429	281-376-9248	281-872-3030	cougar70@earthlink.net
W5ASP	87	Joe	Stevens	10031 Meadow Lake Lane	Houston	TX	77042	713-974-3455	713-974-7495	jastevens@aol.com
K5JS	30	John	Stevens	6435 Celestial Drive	Baton Rouge	LA	70817	504-751-9421	504-642-2129	stevens@tsound.net (Home)
W5LLU	89	John	Stewart	7614 Skyline	Houston	TX	77063	713-783-4718	281-879-9973/833-9054	w5llu@yahoo.com
W5BXX	144	Dave	Topp	16444 Old Richmond Road	Sugar Land	TX	77478	281-488-5098		w5bxx@aol.com
K7WOC	125	Kirby	Van Horn	P. O. Box 80064	Houston	TX	77205	281-320-2324		kirbywh@wans.net
K5TF	94	Linda	Walworth	3210 Chaparral Way	Spring	TX	77380	281-363-0209		walworth@worldnet.att.net
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