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Announcements

The May 11th meeting will be at Gabby's BBQ at 5311 Wesleyan.

If you coming from downtown go South on the Southwest freeway (59), exit at Buffalo Speedway (lots of construction around the Summit), go past Buffalo on the feeder down to Wesleyan. At Wesleyan turn left going under 59 going south on Wesleyan about five blocks, turn left into the parking lot and Gabby's is on your immediate left as you turn in. If you are coming from Sharpstown go North on Southwest freeway (59), exit Wesleyan, turn right on Wesleyan and go the five blocks, turn left into the parking lot, etc. If you are coming from the Northwest, take 610 West loop down to Southwest freeway (59) and turn north towards downtown, Wesleyan is the first exit after you get on 59. Remember Gabby's has lots of B & B so expect some may be there before 6 PM, hi. Lets use the long table on the west side of the restaurant.

How to Reach Us

On the World Wide Web: <http://www.tdxs.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 tdxs-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

Elsewhere in the Bullsheet is Madison's piece on our raffle fundraiser. We have plenty of tickets this year and will need everyone's help in order to sell them all. I strongly urge everyone to buy their share and to sell as many as they can. We only have a month so be sure to take tickets to any and all ham gatherings you may attend this month. It would be great to have most of the tickets sold before we even get to Dallas this year. I know I'll be blanketing the Compaq club meeting and taking a bunch to Dayton to sell. Where will you be selling them?

Congratulations to the TDXS Sweepstakes plaque winners. The TDXS put forth some good scores in the CW contest and the club score should be pretty good when the SSB results come out next month.

The May meeting will cover the introduction of prospective new member Bill Denton, W5SB, whose membership will be voted on in June. Field Day will be the hot topic since we still do not have any plans to have one. Are enough people interested in participating in a TDXS FD? We have the option of throwing in with other clubs instead of doing our own if there isn't enough interest.

Show up at the meeting to voice your support of FD and grab a bunch of tickets to sell for the raffle.

N5TU

DX Report by Buzz, N5UR

DX FOR MAY = A5 Bhutan

This one should be off everyone's list by now. The major A52A multi multi effort arrived as scheduled and should stay through the 12th. Needless to say, Jim Smith VK9NS beat them to the punch arriving a few days ahead of the big group to put on his own operation as A52JS. Seems he has done this before a few times, H40, VK0 etc. Supposedly they are all limited to approximately 100 watts which means we have to listen extra hard, but Jim has been worked by many and he is using a vertical. Unfortunately the propagation Gods have not shined on this operation. We have absolutely no greyline overlap with Bhutan at this time of year, so it is doubtful any 30 40 80 or 160 QSOs from Texas will be in the A5 logs, coupled with terrible numbers on 10 and 12 mean this operation for us is 15 17 20. The best signals into our area so far have been between 1245-1415z on both 15 and 17 meters, with 20 offering some evening opportunities. Often both CW and SSB are on at the same time. I worked Jim at 0200 on 15 cw one evening. Needless to say with the power differentials, they are hearing us much better than we hear them.

The A52A webpage and log check can be found at <http://www.qsl.net/bhutan2000/> and logs are up to date. Their weak signals have made RTTY impossible for me so far, but I am hoping for a break on RTTY or 10 or 12. I know N5MT is waiting on 10, but so far no joy. QSL A52JS direct to VK9NS (P.O. Box 90, Norfolk Island, NI 2899, Australia) and A52A to W0GJ Glenn Johnson, 14164 Irvine Ave NW, Bemidji, MN 56601.

On May 22 the first Egyptian IOTA operation should take place from Giftun Island as either SU9DX or 6V0TA. This 6 day operation also has a website at <http://www.qsl.net/su9dx/>

Otherwise, the summer doldrums are upon us, with no other major operations planned until the Lyon DX Gang all-band all-mode Dxpedition to Tromelin (AF-031) scheduled to take place between 1 and 16 August (the first station might be active on 31 July in the evening).

Maquarie VK0MM continues to be very active and easily workable on 20 and 30 meters only. He has a rigid schedule, but is easy to work most mornings when he is working stateside. Alan's schedule is available at <http://www.geocities.com/vk0ld/3.html> He tends to work stateside every three days or so, and he has no RTTY capability. Interference with experiments has banished him from the other bands! His cards for his one day AX0LD operation were beautiful, the VK0MM cards won't be out until next year, so hold your cards until he gives a route at that time!

Nothing new on the ill fated 7O1YGF operation that ended unexpectedly as the four Germans were invited to leave the country! In a press release they state that "after 10 days of activity we have been kindly asked by the authorities to terminate our radio transmission. The reason for that is that until now no agreement on the final status of this unique special activity could be reached". It appears there were some misunderstandings, however "the activity 7O1YGF is for the time being still in the process of approval" and a "written confirmation" is expected "in due time". The operation logged some 35000 QSOs on 6-40 meters CW, SSB and RTTY. In other words, this one may never count for DXCC as they have no written license in hand as yet. However, someone obviously allowed them in the country with all their gear and allowed them to operate for ten days with that horrible call sign. Who else but a government official could have come up with 7O1YGF Yemeni German (lack of?) Friendship? My guess and hope is that they will get everything straightened out and it will count. I would also hope they go back to finish the operation as many people were caught off guard by their early departure and were "waiting for the pileups (read Europe) to die down before attempting to work them." This was a real good example of why you get in the pileups early as anyone who doesn't have BS7 can attest to also.

Don't forget to bring your bureau cards to the May meeting along with your QST label. I can't send the cards without your labels. I hope to bring VE6JO as a guest to the meeting. Vitaly will be in town visiting his son. You may have worked him in contests signing many different calls ending in 6JO from Alberta! See you in the pileups and on Thursday! 73 Buzz

Mike, K5NZ

I just received the plaque for the August NCJ North America QSO Party for the Multi-Two class. We would like to thank the membership of the TDXS for sponsoring the event and this nice plaque. The sponsor being our own club makes it even sweeter.

Thanks,
W5NN Team N5TU, K1OJ, K5NZ

Dale, KG5U

Andy, VE9DX, visited my webpages and sent me a note about my logsearch page. He has a set of webpages containing somewhere around 850 on-line logs. I played with it for a few minutes. Very nice. I even found an E4 QSO I made a few months ago that I had forgotten to send in a QSL for.

Check it out at <http://ve9dx.weblink.nbtel.net/logs.html>

73,
Dale Martin, KG5U
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Packet Racket by Jim, N5DC

The K5LV Packet Cluster is down, as I write this. We took a near miss lightning strike, last Tuesday, in the early morning hours. The computer got a pretty good “scramble”, and the poor thing was still trying to operate the Pavilion Software! Earl has the computer in tow, and we will have it in hand next Monday, 5/8. As Earl mentioned in his column, lets get the raffle tickets, in hand, and sell some to someone else (I already have a pledge of \$200 from someone!). We need to spend several hundred dollars to upgrade the packet system, and we need funds to do so. Earl and I have figured out that we need to move into the 21st century with our equipment, as well as computer and software. George, NR5M has made a very generous off to The Club, for packet access to the Internet. In order to do so we are going to have to do a lot of changing, and that will take money. I suspect any of you that are going to HamCom, would be a welcome addition to Madison’s effort to raise money. **We all owe Bob, W5SJS a big thanks for his support of The Club, by printing the raffle tickets.**

As to the future, we plan to put up a self supporting tower, for the cluster, obtain AR software, which will run under Windows, add Commercial Radios to the system, up grade the TNC’s, and add 9600 baud to the UHF system. When all of this is done, we will have a system, that will rival any packet DX spotting system anywhere.

SELL TICKETS, SELL TICKETS, SELL TICKETS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

FLASH! TDXS '00 RAFFLE IS OFF AND RUNNING de Madison W5MJ

Well, you can run but you can't hide, as the saying goes. The '00 version of the TDXS Raffle is here, and we have many tickets with your name on them ready to go. Bob Burns W5SJS generously underwrote the cost of the tickets, and they are already being placed in the hands of eager buyers. Chuck Dietz KZ5MM took a pocketful of tickets to Belton on April 29 for the grand unveiling and raffle kickoff.

Just like last year, our prize is a brand-new-in-the-box Yaesu FT-100 with 500 Hz cw filter already installed. Last year our winner was a no-code tech from Victoria, but you can change all that with your ticket! I feel confident in saying that I have already had my hands on the winning ticket.

A number of TDXS members have already acquired FT-100s of their own, which speaks well of the unit. TDXSers among the proud owners with these DC to Daylight HF, VHF, UHF transceivers are KG5U, K7WOC, N5TU, N5UR and W5MJ. I replaced my trusty TS-440 mobile rig with the FT-100 when I finally figured out that it would be a lot safer with a physically very small unit in the car than my 25# Kenwood, especially if I dumped my car in the ditch while doing mobile cw. The rig has an excellent receiver, and has more than enough audio to let me hear weak ones while on the road.

Typical over the counter price for the FT-100, with filter, is about \$1400. Like last year, tickets are 120 for \$100, 12 for \$10, or, for the small investor, \$1 each.

This is the club's only source of income, other than dues and an occasional donation. I have already sold about \$250 worth of tickets in an hour or so last Saturday morning. I will be calling on all the TDXS members to help out YOUR club in our only fund raising effort for the year. You can save me a little time by sending me a check prior to my having to call you. The mailing address for your check is the club's PO Box or my home address, 3631 Coltwood Drive, Spring, Texas 77388. If you send me a check, I promise I won't ask you (this time) to help me sell, BUT you might want to consider buying \$100 worth and then disposing of your own tickets to others.

The drawing will be at the Arlington HamCom on Saturday, June 10, 2000. TDXS has a table there, so plan to bring your flea market items to sell and give an hour or two of your time at the table if you are going to be there anyway.

Regards,

Madison
W5MJ

Contest Column

by Dale Martin, KG5U

Congratulations to the W5NN Team (N5TU, K1OJ, K5NZ). The team received the Multi-operator, Two transmitter plaque for their participation in and winning their category in the the August 1999 NCJ North America QSO Party. The plaque is sponsored by the TDXS. The W5NN team thanks the TDXS for the plaque and their continued sponsorship of this contest category.

Upcoming:

CQ WW WPX CW Contest is coming up fast. Get on; have fun; make points; win awards.

1999 CQ WPX CW Results:

N5NU - A - 2,645,461 pts, 1629 Q's, 637 M's.

KG5U - 14 - 182,268, 303, 249 (QRP)

NU5A(K5GN, op) - 21 - 4,411,299, 2,226, 789

ZF1A(W5ASP, op) - 21 - 5,330,129, 2,533, 799

Those were the only calls I recognized in the results.

73,
dale, KG5U

W5 QSL Bureau On-Line Lookup Service

by Dale Martin, KG5U

Curious about your QSL Cards and Envelope status?

Check out this URL: <http://mdxa.org/buro.html>

Then, enter your call in the search field. It will show you your sorters' posting of your status, how many envelopes on file, how many cards waiting, etc.

Neat feature.

73,
dale, kg5u

For Sale

Ten-Ten Delta II (model 536), power supply (model 936), and RS-232 Level Converter (model 305), \$800. 100w, all band, all mode radio. It's a great mobile radio; I used it mobile for over 10,000 miles—Had to replace it with the FT-100, a much, much smaller radio because of a new, much smaller car. It's also a good shack radio. I used it as radio2 with my Omni 6+ in a number of contests.

Contact Dale, KG5U, 281-484-4465 or kg5u@hal-pc.org

The Following Estate is offered for Sale, Contact N5DC for Details

Transmitter, Receivers, Transceivers

Kenwood HF Transceiver TS-9305
Heathkit HF SB-104A Transmitter
Atlas 350XL HF Receiver
Midland 1.25 Meter Transceiver
Kenwood TS-700A 2 meter all-mode Transceiver
Yaesu FT-620B 6-meter all-mode Transceiver
Heathkit SB-303 HF Transmitter
Heathkit R-4C HF Receiver

Amplifiers

Atlas Radio Model AR-200 Power Supply
Hi-Fix type 240 Regulated Battery Supply
Heathkit Model IR-18 I-15 V. 500ma Power Supply
Heathkit Regulated Power Supply (0-400 volts)
Heathkit SB-230 2KW linear Amplifier

Station Equipment & Instruments

Micronta 3-Range Power/SWR Meter
Heathkit Station Monitor HO-5404
Murch J-2000A Transmatch
Heathkit SB-644 Remote Antenna Tuner
Bird ThruLine Model 43 Wattmeter (50 Ohm, 0-100 W.)
Heathkit SB-614 Oscilloscope
Heathkit SB-610 Oscilloscop
Heathkit Signal Generator (100 KHZ-30MHZ)
Heathkit Model IG-18 Sine-Square Wave Generator
DSI Model 5600A Frequency Counter (50Hz-512MHz)
Heathkit Transistor Navigator Direction Finder
Sencore TC154 Mighty Mite VI tube tester
BK Model 282 Digital Multimeter
Transistor Tester (Brand not known)
Brown Brothers “ Mach “ Paddles
Two station microphones
Three was speakers

Antennas & Equipment

TONAREIMS Beam Antenna (in original package)
Two towers, one with rotor, not erected

Military Equipment (vintage)

USAF Lavoie Laboratory Amplifier
Trnasceiver (WWII) (unidentified)

Other

Midland Model 13-893 23-channel CB Transceiver
ROBYN WV-23 23-channel CB Transceiver
Heathkit Model GDA-1188 Ultrasonic Motion Detector