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## Announcements

The June 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting will be at Ryan's on 34th. To get there, from the Galleria area, take 610 west loop north onto 290 going north. Exit at the 34th street exit and go under 290 going west. The restaurant is 1/2 block down on the left. I told them we will start arriving at 6 PM. The meeting room is on the North East side of the building.

## 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](mailto: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

Wow! I think there were more TDXSers at Dayton than at a regular meeting. I guess it generates enough interest to draw more of us there than the regular meetings do. It was fun seeing all the new stuff and picking through the old stuff. It was also great to see the out-of-town members that we don't usually get to see on a regular basis.

By the time you read this the raffle will be almost over and the June meeting will be the last chance to get tickets without going to Dallas. Come to the meeting or call Madison to make arrangements to buy tickets. Or call me if that is more convenient as I still have a bunch I haven't returned to Madison yet. If you are going to Dallas see Madison about doing some time at the TDXS table selling tickets.

Since we are not having a Field Day this year everyone is on their own for finding some activity. If you go to another club's Field Day act as a TDXS ambassador and invite some excited new blood to a TDXS meeting. I can't think of a better way to bring new members into the fold.

Speaking of new members, June is a membership voting month. The ballots for Bill Denton should be arriving any time now. Remember to vote and return your ballot promptly. See you at the June meeting.  
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## Contesting by Dale, KG5U

The TDXS Contest WebPages have been updated. If you haven't done so, please check them out at <http://www.hal-pc.org/~kg5u/tdxs-contest.html>.

Please let me know of any changes/additions, etc., that need to be made to the pages. I'm looking to add more, so if you got more, I'll take it.

Contest Activities:

Not much going on in the way of reporting TDXS contest activity this month. I received no contest activity reports from anyone.

Except me.

Here's my report for the 2000 WPX CW Contest.

Class: SOAB Power: QRP Operating Time (hrs): 30

Total: 864 Q's x 441 Mults = 859,509

Upcoming Contests:

June, 2000

ARRL June VHF QSO Party 1800Z, Jun 10 - 0300Z, Jun 12

All Asian DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Jun 17 - 2400Z, Jun 18

SMIRK Contest 0000Z, Jun 17 - 2400Z, Jun 18

Kid's Day Contest 1800Z - 2400Z, Jun 17

ARRL Field Day 1800Z, Jun 24 - 2100Z, Jun 25

July, 2000

RAC Canada Day Contest 0000Z - 2359Z, Jul 1

IARU HF World Championship 1200Z, Jul 8 - 1200Z, Jul 9

WRTC 2000 1200Z, Jul 8 - 1200Z, Jul 9

North American QSO Party, RTTY 1800Z, Jul 15 - 0600Z, Jul 16

Check <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html> more contest schedule information.

73,

dale, kg5u

## News Flash

**It has been reported on good authority, that **Bob, N5ET**, has been appointed ARRL field DX Card checker. We must extend our sympathies to Bob, since his present workload, will make it a most difficult task, to check the thousands of DX cards that are flowing across his desk. Please extend your condolences to Linda, KE5TF, as this will keep Bob so busy, that his hours at home will be few and far between. Walworth has been quoted as saying "bring on your lousy P5 cards, and see if you can fool me!"**

## Raffle Tickets Still Available - Riot Police Maintain Order

de Madison W5MJ

TDXS still has a supply of raffle tickets available for the Yaesu FT-100 door prize at Arlington Ham Com. Though we have sold about 1800 tickets so far, good tickets are still available. This year's prize has a 500 Hz filter already installed.

This all mode, all band transceiver is new in the box, and will easily install in all of today's and yesterday's automobiles and trucks. Be the envy of Hamdom by winning this shiny, subminiature unit. 10,000 buyers can't be wrong, as the saying goes.

The drawing will be at 4 p.m., Saturday, June 9, 2000. To insure impartiality, we will commandeer some youngster at random from the crowd. Though you do not need to be present to win, you do need to buy tickets to have a chance. BUY NOW, because it will soon be too late! Contact Madison at (713)621-6688 days, (281)350-4330 nights to get tickets, or SEE YOU AT ARLINGTON, at the TDXS table.

## DX Report by Buzz, N5UR

DX - TAKE YOUR VACATION THIS MONTH!

The A52 and VK9WI operations are gone, and little is scheduled this month. There is not even one new IOTA planned this month, though several will be put on in July, and the IOTA contest also is in July. The next major expedition will be 01/08-16/08 Tromelin Island (AF-031) by Lyon DX Gang, and they are actively seeking donations to help with higher than planned expenses. Check out <http://perso.easynet.fr/~f6jjx/menu.htm>

If you still need Maquarie, check out <http://www.geocities.com/vk0ld/3.html> for Alan's schedule. Lots of barefoot vertical types are getting through, but remember to work him according to his rules! Also, 4W6GH continues to be active primarily on 20 17 15 meters. Check the spots to find him. A great help is <http://oh2w.kolumbus.com/dxs/qin.html> where you can input a call or prefix and see the last 25 100 or more spots for that call to find if there is a pattern to his operation and also notes QSL managers etc.

The GM DX Islands of Scotland website is at <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/KenDons/page14.html> if you want a challenge. These guys will visit many small islands in the Shetlands, Orkneys, Hebrides etc. for hours or maybe a day using 100 watts or less and verticals! Compounding the challenge is that many of the islands are nature preserves and overnight stays are not allowed. Add to that the notorious ferocity of the North Sea and you'll see why no Americans are at the top of the IOSA honor roll, Bob, N5ET is pursuing this masochistic award in his retirement, any other takers?

June is the month to catch up on your family, home, job, stamp collection or whatever. There is lots of common DX and some openings on 6-20 even late at night. The low bands are dead and noisy. Hope to see you at the meeting. Bring your cards for the ARRL bureau.

## **Packet Racket by Jim, N5DC**

**I am please to report that the K5LV cluster is up and running, thanks to the gang, that repaired the broken cable on the crank up tower. The site looks good, if we can get the antenna up another 20 or 25 feet. To that end, we are going to acquire a U.S. Tower 55 foot crank up mast. The mast is being donated! It will be fastened to the building, so will require only an 18" cube of concrete under it. Earl, N5TU has returned from Dayton, with some Motorola radios under his arm, that should help us considerably in the rf department. We are making slow, but steady progress, toward making the K5LV packet cluster, one of the best in the Country. All of this, plus the new Windows AR software, is costing a considerable amount, so give Madison Jones, W5MJ all of the help you can, in selling raffle tickets at Hamcom.**

Can you identify the famous DX'er in the picture below?



Can you name the 5 members or former members of TDXS in the picture below?



Can you name the famous(or infamous) Contester in the photo below?



All photos are courtesy of Dale, KG5U. All who correctly answer all of the questions will get a free email subscription to the TDXS Bullsheet!