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## Announcements

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## 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](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

I will be absent for the August meeting so Mike, N5MT, will be running the show.

The main order of business is going to be packet cluster. The mast has already been purchased and is on its way here. When it arrives we will need a work party to install it. The goal is to have the packet cluster fully functional by CQWW SSB and with the mast installed that goal will be completely achievable. So volunteer a few hours of your time when Jim, N5DC, puts together the antenna party.

August and September are team contest months with NAQP and Sprint both having a team category. See Dale, KG5U, to secure your place on a team. When we lack team members even a meager score is a welcome addition.

So see you in the contest.

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## August Meeting by Mike, N5MT

I have reserved the upstairs room at Pappas BBQ for our meeting on Aug 10th at 6PM. Dinner before the meeting, meeting and hopefully a APRS program by KB5LDY Carl Hacker to follow.

Pappas is located at 7007 SWest Freeway between Bellaire and Hillcroft. Coming from downtown on SWest Freeway, take the Bellaire exit, go under the freeway to the east side going North, go about 2-3 blocks on the feeder and you are there. Pappas BBQ is just north of the Target store on the east side of the SWest Freeway.

Agenda for meeting: Packet Cluster at DeMontrond's. Work detail to help install the mast that has been ordered. Network connection by George. Radios by Earl are almost ready. We want to make it work with old software and then purchase new software to replace old.  
NAQP is coming up. Teams?

DX .. Tromelin Island has been worked by two of our members on Ten meters 28495 listening 28505 about 2145utc. They will be there for about two weeks.

This weekend on the radio is the 1010 Summer QSO Party, please work a few of the locals only on Ten. Ten will have at least short 600-1200 mike skip part of the day, watch for a local group on 28488 at 0100utc Friday and Saturday nites.

## Contest Corner by Dale, KG5U

The TDXS Contest webpages have been updated some more. 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. (Check out another webpage I'm working: <http://www.w5rrr.org> and let me know what you think-suggestions for inclusion, etc.)

### Contest Activities:

I've received no contest activity reports from anyone.

The close-in, upcoming contests include the SSB section of NAQP (CW will be conducted by the time you read this). Team members are needed. Please, contact me or submit your info via the SIGN-UP page of the TDXS Contest webpages to be placed on the team.

The Second Class Operator's Club's Marathon Sprint takes place September 9, from 1800-2400Z. Check <http://soc-hams.homepage.com/contests.htm#top>.

NA Sprint is coming up early next month. Team members are needed for CW and SSB Sprints. It's a 4 hour contest. Join the team. Come out and play. Even if only for a couple of hours.

CW: 0000Z - 0400Z September 10, 2000

SSB: 0000Z - 0400Z September 17, 2000

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

73,  
dale, kg5u

## DX Report by Buzz, N5UR

August 2000 DX = TROMELIN

Despite 80KPH wind and 4-5 meter seas, the FR/F6KDF/T boys are putting on a great operation. This morning they were pounding into Houston on 12 longpath and they were running 100 watts to a Titanix 160 meter vertical. The wx was too rough to put up the WARC beam! Several locals have worked them on 10 12 15 and 40, with there still being hope for 75/80. Check the website at <http://perso.easynet.fr/~f6jjx/menu.htm> for the latest reports and look on the DX Summit <http://oh2aq.kolumbus.com/dxs/> for spots if packet isn't working. Some telnet sites that are useful for spots are k5dxc at 207.43.2.253, gw.n5uxt.ampr.org, cluster.dx-central.com, the W0 cluster at 209.32.226.63, and of course WU3V.dynip.com.

If you need telnet software, here's what I hear is the best. Remember I run Mac only but this is a windows product. The Golist is now the North American distributor for the software programs written by Fabrizio Sartoni, IK4VYX. "DX TELNET" is a Windows based software package that performs multiple connections to Internet/RF DX clusters, DX chat lines and automatic refresh on OH22AQ's DXSUMMIT web page, with powerful DX-spot filters, alerts, spot voice spell, external log link capability and very powerful online search features. "DX HUNTER" is a DOS based tool that runs well in a Windows's DOS shell and can be linked to DXTelnet in order to perform band/mode based alerts on incoming new ones. These programs can be downloaded and ordered from the Golist web site (<http://www.itis.net/golist>), free lifetime upgrades for both programs are available.

The RSGB has just completed a Eurocentric overhaul of IOTA in order to give Europeans a better chance to advance in the standings against the upstart colonialists who have been taking over the program. Nearly 60 new island groups were added by splitting existing groups in two. Somehow Europe got one third of the new islands and the whole USA got two! One is the New Hampshire group, some of whose islands are in MAINE. Go figure! The Europeans somehow equate their provinces to our states, which greatly exaggerates the importance geographically and physically of the European countries. Some things never change. Many of the new islands were on in the IOTA annual contest last weekend which was graced with a 20 meter band open all Saturday night. However, if you want to play IOTA you got to have a scorecard, and that would be the new IOTA Directory, available through IREF at <http://www.sat.net/~iref/> The first 100 copies we received sold out immediately, and the second 100 has just cleared customs at JFK and should be available this week. Please order one and get in on the fun. More info on the changes can be found at <http://www.rsgbiota.org/start.htm>. Profits earned from the sale of the Directory will be used to fund Dxpeditions to rare IOTAs, excluding the recently split off European ones.

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>From the 425 calendar, here's August at a glance.

01/08-16/08 FR/F6KDF/T: Tromelin Island (AF-031)  
01/08-07/08 PYI0TA & PV5L: Santa Catarina State  
South gr (SA-new)  
04/08-09/08 KL7AK: Kudiakof Islands (NA-new)  
05/08-06/08 N2OB: Barnegat Lighthouse, Long Beach  
Island (NA-111)  
08/08-12/08 K1HP/KH0: Saipan (OC-086) \* by JE2EHP  
09/08-18/08 RK3DZJ/1, RV3AGG/1, UA3DPB/1: EU-147  
and EU-066  
10/08-14/08 PR5YL: Mel Island (SA-047)  
11/08-23/08 V26WP, V26EA, V26ET, V26FM: Antigua  
(NA-100) \* by PAs  
12/08-15/08 EA1GA/p: Isla Erbosa (EU-077)  
12/08-22/08 GH4BJC/p: Jersey (EU-013) \* by G0WFH  
13/08-18/08 FO0YAM & FO0YAA: Manihi (OC-131) \* by  
JK1FNN & 7L1MKM  
13/08-25/08 VK9XY: Christmas Island (OC-002) \* by  
DH1SGS and DH1TW  
14/08-28/08 VP5/I4ALU: Providenciales (NA-002)  
15/08-29/08 SV5/PA1KW (EU-001)  
16/08-28/08 FH/TU5AX: Mayotte (AF-027)

See you in the pileups. Bring your bureau cards to the meeting, myself  
or my designee will pick them up.

## ISS Ham Gear by Dale, KG5U

ARLS006 ISS ham gear cleared for takeoff

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Space Bulletin 006 ARLS006  
From ARRL Headquarters  
Newington, CT August 3, 2000  
To all radio amateurs

SB SPACE ARL ARLS006  
ARLS006 ISS ham gear cleared for takeoff

The way has been cleared for the Amateur Radio gear destined for use  
aboard the International Space Station to be launched into space.  
The initial amateur gear is scheduled go up to the ISS on mission  
STS-106 aboard the shuttle Atlantis on September 8. As part of the  
multinational Amateur Radio on the International Space Station  
project, the gear will be stowed aboard the ISS for use by the  
Expedition 1 crew, set to come aboard in late October.

## Packet Racket by Jim, N5DC

I will not be able to attend the meeting, Thursday, as Evie and I will be on our way to Kerrville for a Motorhome rally. However, to bring you up to date, the crank up mast is on order, and is to be shipped in early September. It will require an 18" cube of concrete under it, as well as being fastened to the building with a house bracket. The 18" cube, to be dug, must have some concrete removed before we can start digging. I have not consulted with George, to see how he wants this done, but we will probably need a concrete saw. Does anyone have access to one? The mast weighs 450 lbs., so some muscle is going to be required to get it vertical. George does have a bucket truck, and we can probably get the use of it, along with a operator, which should help lift the mast. Earl has acquired some Motorola Commercial gear, and has one of them running on packet as we speak. Once this gear is in place, our reliability should increase. Bobby, K5BC is tdy for 2 months to Canada, so it becomes problematical as to our getting the Internet from him. We are moving closer to getting into the DeMontrond network, and hopefully soon, we will be able to get out own Internet connection, and not have to depend on the UHF link between K5LV, and K5DXC for the Internet spots. The bottom line is we are going to have a considerable amount to hard work, and will need several volunteers to get the mast in the air.