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Prez Sez

Congratulations to Bruce Meier, N1LN, as his bid for membership was approved by the club. Welcome him into the TDXS and make sure Dave gets his dues.

The October meeting will be a very short business meeting as we do have a speaker. Our main business will be to close out nominations for the 2001 officers. If you are interested in a position be sure to tell someone so they can nominate you.

Contest season is just around the corner with the TQP and CQP warming us up for the CQWW and Sweepstakes contests. Hope everyone can get on and hand out a few QSOs if they are not competing. I know I will be looking for anybody on the Sunday afternoon of Sweepstakes.

See you at the meeting,

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Announcements

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How to Reach Us

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 do *not* include your email address, as the reflector will pick it up automatically. Put nothing in the subject line.

October Meeting

We will back at the Pappas BBQ for our next meeting, located at 7007 SW Freeway, which is located on the East side of the Frwy north of Bellaire Blvd and south of Hillcroft.

We will not be using the upstairs room, it is reserved so they will have us in a room downstairs.

I reserved the room for 6PM to begin arriving, setting up time for the speaker, visiting with friends and eating before the meeting.

Expect the meeting will be at 7:30PM.

The speaker is Carl Hacker KB5LDY, will talk about APRS and will have his computer and radio equipment available for a demo.

The other item of business will be nominations of officers for next year plus Packet cluster business.

Contesting by Dale, KG5U

NAQP Plaques

Bob Selbrede, N6ZZ, NAQP CW sponsor, has contacted TDXS about our sponsorship of the K5LZO Memorial Plaque. A vote will need to be made at the meeting to approve disbursement for the 2001 set of plaques (\$60 for the two).

Congratulations to W5NN (K5NZ, K1(5)OJ, and N5TU) for their winning the August 1999 NAQP CW Multi-Two CW category and winning the plaque.

Upcoming Contests

The close-in, upcoming contests include the PA QSO Party, FISTS Fall Sprint, NA Sprint (RTTY), RSGB 21/28 MHz CW, RI QSO Party, IL QSO Party, CQWW SSB, 10010 Intl. Fall CW, ARRL SS CW, ARRL SS SSB, CQ WW DX CW. Check the TDXS Contest home page and click on the WA7BNM Contest Calendar link for more information.

If you operate in any contests, indicate your Club Affiliation as TDXS.

Texas QSO Party

This year's TQP is history. Congratulations to NARS on a great turnout. I operated CW only, QRP, and had a good time (302/95). With some interesting band conditions, even being QRP I managed to snare a good number of the mobile stations running around TX counties. The TQP has a great potential to become one of the big QP's. If you didn't get on and operate this year, seriously consider doing so next year. This is a contest worth supporting.

DX Report by Buzz, N5UR

3B6RF CANCELED AND OTHER DX HAPPENINGS

The Agelega expedition was canceled due to a change in government in Mauritius. It has been rescheduled for May, 2001 which is doubtful and of little consequence to W5s as propagation will be horrible at that time. Further details available at <http://www.agalega2000.ch/news/Default.htm>

The next big event for October besides the CQ WW SSB Contest is a low band expedition to East Timor. Our own K7BV and N6FF have decided 4W/N6FF will be the call used on 160 and 80 meters. 4W/K7BV will be used on all other bands. If E-mail service is available at their operating location logs will be posted on the web page. <http://www.qth.com/k7bv/TIMOR/> I have talked with the pilot and he assures me they will also be active on 30. 4W6MM has been very active in the mornings of late coming into Houston 599+ on my Windom. They should be active by the time you read this and will be on the air until the 15th. They will also operate 10-20 meters, but their primary focus is the neglected low bands.

The Kingman Reef 2000 DXpedition remains on track for around October 20 for ten days. Latest updates are available at <http://www.qsl.net/krpdxg/>

The motor schooner Machias is scheduled to depart for the Christmas Island rendezvous by October 6. The Hawaii operators—KH7U, NH6UY, WB4JTT and KH6ND—are working with Captain Bill Austin and his crew. Mike Gibson, KH6ND, is still in Honolulu, having been “bumped” from several Nature Conservancy flights to Palmyra. We are unsure whether Mike will return to Palmyra before the group’s departure for Christmas Island. A total of 15 operators will put this one on all bands/modes 6-160.

Lots of other goodies on this month including Mt Athos signing SY2A and several rare IOTAs such as FO0DEH on OC 57 now and later OC 52, ZW8U from SA60 Oct 26-30 and AS140 Oct 27-9 by S21AM and S21YS.

Unfortunately lots of solar activity has made for tough conditions, but when the bands are clear the whole world can be worked. It is your last chance for years(?) to come to work Macquarie. VK0MM goes QRT in a month. He is active most days on either 20 or 30, check out his schedule at <http://www.geocities.com/vk0ld/3.html>

Alan has no RTTY and cannot operate on the other bands as the rf has fouled up several experiments!

Good Luck in the CQ WW, Buzz N5UR

Dxpedition by George, K5KG

Paul, KB8N/K5AF, and I are planning to operate from J7 from November 18 thru November 27, including CQWW CW. We plan to have two full stations in operation, and will put special emphasis on 160 and 80. Between the two of us, who will be there without XYLs, we should be able to put in a great deal of unrestricted operating time.

73, George, K5KG

Packet Racket by Jim, N5DC

As of this writing, we are close to having our own internet connection. I have been able to connect to several different packet sites that have internet spots. I have had a problem, that I have yet to solve, and that is the interfacing of my networked computer, with the internet spots to our packet cluster computer, K5LV. I am trying to use a program called Cluster Bridge, which is designed to do exactly what we want. The program refuses to recognize a comport on one of the 2 computers. I have so little time to devote to this, during work hours, and it has been a frustrating experience! I will get the 2 computers talking, if I have to slam dunk the two of them together! In the mean time, be patient, I will (with N5TU's help) get the 2 computers talking to each other. I am trying to get it going before CQWW. The cluster I have chosen to link us to will have spots from world wide, so be prepared to filter if you want only stateside spots.