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The Prez Sez- de Buzz N5UR

DX Won't be the same without K5DX

I hate to see another venerable DXer pass on. There seem to be more and more SKs added to my log each year. Sharp was a gentleman and great role model for our hobby. We were fortunate to know him, and we will all miss his presence at our meetings and on the air. Our heartfelt condolences to his XYL Irma and his son Mike. Please be at the meeting to tell them personally how you felt about Sharp.

On the other side of the coin, a hearty TDXS welcome to our newest member Paul Frantz, W5PF. Summer vacations delayed the vote counting, but the results are now in. Likewise, the Board is now presenting Laurent Thomin, KW5W for membership this month. I have had the pleasure to work along side Laurent in the CQWW, and he is both a gentleman and superb operator. Ballots will go out shortly. Remember you have to make four meetings in the prior year to be considered a full member to vote on new members and other club business. Paying your dues is not enough, you have to be active. You still have time to become a full member for next year by going to our next four meetings.

Madison has done it again, finding us a new place for our meeting. It has been lots of fun to try all the new restaurants. I still wish I had not been so late to the meeting at Mykonos two months ago when they ran out of baklava, but my diet liked it! Again, I will be coming straight from the airport to the meeting Thursday. Hope to see all of you there.

73, Buzz N5UR

SEPTEMBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The September meeting of the Texas DX Society will be held at the Spaghetti Warehouse-Downtown, 901 Commerce at Travis, starting at 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 13, 2001 in the upstairs dining room. There will be a single price dinner with 4 entree selections, salad, tea or sodas, and bread, for \$12.50 including tax and tip. Since TDXS has to pay \$25 for the room itself, on top of the price of dinner, why not plan to kick in another \$1.25 or so, total \$13.75 for the whole shebang? You will be hard pressed to get more dinner for less money anywhere in Houston. There is a cash bar downstairs, so anyone who wants something from the bar can have that as well. Because Irma Sharp and Mike Sharp plan to be there, **let's make a good effort to put this one on the calendar.**

DX Report by Steve, W9DX

This month marks a sad period in TDXS's 31 year history with the passing of one of our club's elder statesmen, Clarence Sharp, K5DX. Sharp passed away September 3, 2001 at the age of 80 after a long and courageous battle against a number of serious illnesses. Sharp was a DX-er's DX-er, and a contester's contester. Although he was not one of our first members, he assumed the role of elder statesman by the way in which he lived his life and the qualities we all hope to achieve. His leadership by example will continue to be an inspiration to us all. He exemplified and embodied the very meaning of everything it is to be a ham radio operator. He never had a critical word for anyone, though we often deserved it. He only offered praise, support, enthusiasm, teamwork, leadership and patience. The American Radio Relay League had Hiram Percy Maxim as its "Old Man." The Texas DX Society had something even better, Clarence Sharp. He was more than an "Elmer" to all of us. He was the quiet strength and confidence that every club needs to be successful. We shall miss the touch of his gentle but guiding hand over the pursuit of DX and contesting activities that we all love so dearly. Since we all missed the funeral, Sharp's wife Irma, and son Mike plan to attend our next meeting to read the eulogy given at the funeral, and to give us the chance to express our condolences to the family. Please plan to attend.

For those who still have not submitted cards to the DXCC desk this year, your deadline for inclusion in the DXCC Yearbook is fast approaching. The DXCC desk must receive your submissions no later than October 1, 2001 to be included in the DXCC member listings which will appear in the 2001 DXCC Yearbook.

Our web-meister, Dave Sarkozi, WB5N has posted the member's DXCC credits on the TDXS website at <http://www.tdxs.org/>. Let both of us know when you have updates to submit and we'll get them posted as soon as possible. I'm working on a number of updates received from club members since our last posting, and the latest ARRL current/total listings. I'm trying to get all the listings on the same basis.

Don't forget that the West Texas DX Association's 11th annual DX Bash will be held on October 5-6, 2001 at the W5KFT contest station at Lake Buchanan. Friday's activities start off with a fabulous Mexican dinner that is included in the registration fee. Saturday's activities will include numerous talks on DX, contesting, and antennas, with lunch included. Saturday evening will be an optional dinner starting at 7:00 PM. Registration will cost \$25 which includes 3 meals, plus the optional \$20 Saturday night feast. For additional information, directions, and lodging go to: <http://www.dxbash.com> or www.dxer.org

On the DX front, Mike Davidson – N5MT reports that 10 meters is starting to open to Europe already. For those still needing countries on 10 meters, this may be one of your last shots before the current propagation cycle sends this band into the crapper for some time to come. Continue to check the weekly DX postings from the ARRL, DXNL, 425DX and the Ohio-Penn DX Bulletins on our reflector for the latest info.

On a final note, I believe those who still love to chase DX and contest with vintage boat anchor gear might want to attend the Antique Radio event to be held in Katy on September 15 or 16. I can't find the reflector posting that was made earlier, so if anyone has more detailed info, please post it again. Thanks.

The Club is considering a number of options, to honor Clarence Sharp. Your input is essential. Please contact Joe Staples with any ideas

For Sale: 6 Element KLM 20 meter Yagi. The antenna has been used, but is on the ground now. It is in excellent condition. Please contact Lon, K5JV at 281-358-4207 for details.



Joe Staples W5ASP

Bill Bradford, K5GA, and Chuck Coleman K5LZO (SK)



CQ FIELD DAY (Photos by KG5U)

