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Announcements

Meeting to be 11/8 at The Spaghetti Warehouse
901 Commerce at Travis. Dinner at 6:30, Meeting to
follow

How to Reach Us

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

On 2 Meters: 147.96/36 MHz (100Hz)

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 Buzz N5UR

Looking forward to seeing everyone Thursday. Bring your QSLs for the ARRL and I will be sending off another box full. This is the club's best kept secret, saving you the \$8 per pound ARRL fee plus the postage to the ARRL. For that reason, I do not understand why some of our members don't QSL, especially for their overseas trips. Today another TDXSer was lambasted on the QSL reflector for ignoring SASEs and emails. Please QSL anyone whose card you receive, otherwise it reflects poorly on the club as well as the individual. I personally had to QSL one member three times to get a prefix I need - enough said! Conditions have been phenomenal, with all 40 zones available last weekend. I was amazed to hear an A2 and a VU calling CQ on 10 with no takers! Where is that 9N?? I snagged 30 new prefixes in the contest, something I did not even do in the WPX test. Do not forget to check the longpath. Last night the A5 was on 75 longpath, but my wire is not steerable so I missed him, but the boys with 4 squares got through. This is a winter to enjoy.

Club wise we need to get more new members and some young blood to keep TDXS strong and vibrant. We need ideas and action. Please see me if you have any ideas.

There are several new IOTAs about: XF2RCS in Vera Cruz, 4T2I, 4T3I and 4T6I are coming and FOODEH is going to a new one for November. Of course Ducie Island will be on November 15 which is a rare IOTA, but do not overlook the fact that it will qualify as a new DXCC entity under the Helsinki accords. They should have a bunch of ops and it is an easy shot from Texas so don't miss it and fall behind.

From the 425: DUCIE ISLAND 2001

Ducie Island (OC-182) should be the next new Entity to be added to the DXCC List. The Pitcairn Island Amateur Radio Association (PIARA) has applied to the IARU for membership and the closing date for voting is 15

is 15 November. If PIARA becomes a member society of the IARU, Pitcairn will become a DXCC "Political Entity" and consequently Ducie Island, which is separated from its "Parent" (Pitcairn itself) by 350+ kilometres, will become a DXCC "Geographic Separation Entity". PIARA has now announced that plans are complete for their expedition to Ducie Island. VP6TC, VP6DB, VP6BK/JA1BK, JF1IST, JA1SLS, K9AJ, K5VT and FO3BM will be active with a VP6 callsign to be announced when the operation starts, i.e. at 00.00 UTC on 16 November. The two main frequencies - 21020 kHz (CW) and 21295 kHz (SSB) - will be used 24 hours a day. Other prime frequencies include 28495 kHz and 14195 kHz for SSB and 14020 kHz for CW, but some activity is planned to take place on the other bands (160-6 metres) and on RTTY as well. Bill Avery, K6GNX will be the pilot station, while the QSL manager (direct and bureau) will be Garth Hamilton, VE3HO. Logs will be available at <http://www.big.or.jp/~ham/>

Now go out there and work some DX!

Equipment For Sale

The following equipment is from the estate of K5DX. It is the Sharp family's wishes that TDXS gets first chance to purchase items. After 2 weeks, all items will be available to the public or listed on eBay.

1. Icom IC-775DSP, HF transceiver, mint condition in the original box with manual. Only about 10 hours of use since purchased new. Original price \$3500. 200 watts all mode competition class transceiver, 160-10m plus receive 100 kHz-29.990 MHz. Ranked by many to be one of the current best DX and contesting rigs. Absolutely flawless! Price \$2700 or best reasonable offer.
2. Icom SM6 electret condenser desk mic, new mint condition. (original new price \$120) only \$75.
3. Kenwood TS-930S/AT HF transceiver, with SP-940 speaker. 160-10 meters including WARC bands, plus 150 kHz-30 MHz general coverage receiver. Final Power Input 250w on SSB/CW/FSK, and 80w on AM. Quadruple conversion receiver with dual digital VFOs. Modes: SSB/CW/FSK/AM. Very good condition with full output. Automatic antenna tuner impedance matching capability of 20 to 150 ohms unbalanced. Needs new on/off switch, otherwise excellent. Speaker has audio filters. Only \$525
4. Harris model RF-102A HF commercial grade linear amplifier, with manual. Non-destructively modified for use on 160m. Customized remote control box for tuning. Nominal specs: 2-30 MHz continuous including all WARC bands, 1KW PEP, 10 programmed channels, or manual tuning. High reliability with single 8164/3-1000Z compact power triode tube operating as a grounded grid class B amplifier, only 65-150w drive required for full output. Dimensions: 30-1/8 H x 20-5/8 W x 21 inches D. Weight 300 lbs. Price: \$1000, or OBRO.

5. Johnson Viking Thunderbolt HF linear amp & PS with manual. A classic amp utilizing two 4-400A tetrodes for 2 KW PEP SSB class AB2, 1KW CW class C operation, and 750 watts AM with class AB2. Continuous coverage 3.5-30 MHz. Dimensions: 21" long, 11-5/8 H x 16-7/16" D, sits on cabinet style customized PS base. Nominal weight 150 lbs. Nice condition. Only \$750, OBRO.
6. Alpha 76-PA - 3 tube HF linear amp, being tested, may need significant repairs, condition of finals unknown. (Sale pending).
7. Vibroplex iambic deluxe chrome base keyer. Perfect condition, brilliant finish. (New equivalent price \$190) only \$100
8. Daiwa CN-410M pwr/swr meter (missing bracket & screw) - SOLD
9. Heil Pro boom mic/headset & Icom adapter plug (new \$131 + \$15) only \$85.
10. Classic Galaxy V HF transceiver and remote VFO, condition unknown. AS-IS - to be priced. Any offers?
11. Uniden President HR2600, 10 meter mobile transceiver, CW/SSB/AM/FM, 25 watts CW, 25 w PEP SSB, 10 w AM/FM. With mic, manual and mobile bracket. Untested, but looks very clean. Needs new mic plug. Only \$100.
12. Yaesu FT-470, 144/440 handi-talkie, untested, no battery or charger. With soft case (CSC-43) and manual. AES has standard battery FNB-17 for 2.3 watts out (600ma 7.2v) for \$35, or FNB-12S for 5 watts out (600ma 12v) for \$56. Wall chargers from AES about \$15. \$100.
13. Kenwood TH-26AT, 2m handi-talkie, no antenna, with new battery. (I have an extra antenna around here somewhere that I'll supply. Otherwise Radio Shack & EPO have cheap MFJ replacements). Only \$100.
14. B+K Precision 1405 oscilloscope. Looks clean. No manual or specs. 10 MHz? Manual can be ordered online. Only \$35.
15. Ten-Tec #2510 mode B satellite transceiver/converter (435 MHz uplink & 2 meters received downlink), 10w out, condition unknown. Requires use of 10m receiver/xcvr to complete the setup. With manual. Scratched up, well used. Requires 12-14v 3 amp DC PS. Only \$50.
16. MFJ-815B swr/wattmeter (new price \$80) only \$50.
17. E.F. Johnson low pass filter, KW for only \$40.
18. Pearce-Simpson Simba AM/SSB CB base unit, condition unknown, with manual. Good for parts or 10m conversion. \$5.
19. Galaxy tuned audio filter, \$10
20. Bird 43 wattmeter, modified, case damaged. SOLD
21. AEA model MM-3 high performance keyer with manual. Good condition. 2-99 wpm variable speed, 20 memories, 7 programmable modes of operation, QSO simulator, DX contest simulator, proficiency trainer. Requires 9-16v DC. Only \$60.
22. Large commercial band switch, \$25
23. Kenwood TR-7500 2m FM transceiver, with manual. Works. 1w low power, 7w out on high. \$30.
24. Radio Shack TRC-479 CB transceiver, manual, works. \$25
25. Kenwood TM-231A 2m mobile transceiver, AS-IS. No receive, and low power output. Needs repair. \$25.
26. Radio Shack MPA-20 100w solid state audio amplifier. Some body's church or school could use one of these. Comes with manual. Cheap at \$75 or best reasonable offer.

27. Time Wave DSP-9 audio noise reduction filter, with manual. Requires 12vDC, A few scratches on the bottom otherwise looks very good. \$75
28. MFJ-432 Voice keyer, good condition. (new \$170), only \$95
29. AEA PK-88 TNC and manual (new equivalent \$200) only \$75
30. MFJ-1700B antenna switch, matches up to 6 rigs to 6 antennas. Good condition, needs new position stickers. (new price \$80), only \$40
31. MFJ-249 HF/VHF antenna analyzer, AC adapter and manual. Covers 1.8-170 MHz. (new price \$220). Scratched/well used, works okay. \$75
32. Waters-335 6 position antenna switch, \$20.
33. WRL CA-27 mic speech processor, \$10
34. Palomar Active Antenna, covers .2-30 MHz, needs repair, comes with a box of replacement parts. Original price \$105. AS-IS only \$15.
35. Bencher YA-1 low pass filter, 1.8-30 MHz, 1.5 KW continuous, 5 KW peak. In original box (new price \$76) \$40.
36. Amptex 450-470 MHz amp, 13.6v, 6w IN-60w OUT. Like new in the original box. \$125
37. Shure 444D mic (modified, condition unknown) \$10 AS-IS
38. Astatic D-104 amplified mic with PTT grip stand and on/off button. Wiring diagram inside base plate. Looks great. \$35
39. Larsen 2m mag mount antenna, NMO and ¼ wave whip. \$25
40. 2m 5/8 wavelength whip with home-made mag mount, \$25
41. Radio Shack, 10m or CB mag mount, only \$15
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No warranties or guarantees are expressed or implied. All sales are final. All questions cheerfully answered to the best of our ability. Unless indicated otherwise, accessories do not come with A/C adapters. If anyone would like a jpg picture of any item by E-mail, please let me know. Steve, W9DX@arrl.net , or tel:281-376-9248. Please call before 9:00 p.m.

ed note: Steve is do a big “Thanks” for doing this for the Sharp Family...He is also working on getting K5DX as a Club Call, with Irma’s blessing. We all owe Steve a debt of gratitude for the work he is doing for Irma, and the TDXS.

From: Allen Brier, N5XZ

ARRL MEMBERS' HELP NEEDED WITH CC&R EFFORT

The ARRL is encouraging members to write their members of Congress in an effort to build awareness in Congress that private land-use regulations have become a real problem for many Amateur Radio operators. ARRL Legislative and Public Affairs Manager Steve Mansfield, N1MZA, says support from the amateur community will help to backstop the League's efforts to meet with elected representatives and staffers on Capitol Hill to discuss possible legislation.

"In the meantime, we continue to prowl the halls of Congress in search of supporters!" Mansfield said.

As condominium complexes and planned communities proliferate, covenants, conditions and restrictions, or CC&Rs, have become a growing obstacle to amateurs who want to erect antennas. At its July meeting, the ARRL Board of Directors adopted a goal of legislative action to help overcome the restrictions that CC&Rs impose on Amateur Radio antennas. Amateurs who are affected by CC&Rs-or who know someone in their Congressional district who is-are invited to adapt the ARRL's sample letter to their own situations and consider sending it to their Congressional representative. A sample of the letter is on the ARRL Web site <<<http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/ccr-sample-letter.html>>>. To find a Senator's mailing address, visit the US Senate Web site <<http://www.senate.gov/contacting/index.cfm>>. To find a Representative's mailing address, visit the US House of Representatives Web site, <<<http://www.house.gov/writerep/>>>.

Those writing are requested to share their correspondence with Steve Mansfield, N1MZA, Legislative and Public Affairs Manager, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111; n1mza@arrl.org.

C'mon guys and gals, we need your help. (Even y'all who have problems with the ARRL.) This doesn't affect all hams directly, but it sure does affect a lot of us! I think it does affect all hams indirectly by making it so much harder to erect outside antennas on their homes, which I feel is one of the main problems contributing to the decline in the ham radio population. It may be a long shot or a long time, but please start sending snail mail, email, telegrams, and phone calls to your representatives! I think now is an excellent time to get their attention, with the aftermath of the Sept. 11th bombing just behind us. I think they might just have their ears tuned to anything that would be of help in case of a disaster in their home district.

Please forward this to every ham you know, bring it up in club meetings, include it with your QSL cards, etc. whatever it takes to get the word out and the letters to Washington DC. For those of you in Texas, here are our Senators:

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