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The Prez Sez- de Buzz N5UR

Hope you all worked P5/YT1AD. though at this time it looks more like Pyongyang Slim than Hrane, but it was fun trying. Of course my Alpha 89 had an AC relay go boom, so I am barefoot until the parts arrive hopefully by next weekend. So much for VP6Ducie! Lots of new IOTAs and a new country to work, so dust everything off and start tuning.

Our meeting this month has been rescheduled to March 21 at a central location still to be determined by our very own Madison Jones. Seems we were locked out of our first site by Spring Break, so we are moving. We will try and set up a meeting at Frosty's school next month, or maybe he can make a bootleg copy of the key by then. . .

Lots to discuss this month and we need a quorum which we did not have last month. First we need to vote to support HamCom in Dallas to the tune of \$250. We gave them nothing the past few years, yet it is our major fund raiser and the only DX forum around. We need to support them.

Second, we need to vote on supporting our Mexican contesters who forked over a lot of cash for that special CW call 6D2YFM! They also need coax, as the local scrap collectors seem to have visited the site. More from the operators on this topic.

We also need to decide what to do vis a vis a dinner meeting with XYLs. I think we should do something and plan so as not to have so many conflicts. We need someone to head this up as well.

I also want to thank Henry for taking over the email that comes for TDXS thru the web site. Hopefully we will get some new members this way.

Finally, we still need some revisions to the bylaws as it relates to voting using the internet. We can get much faster response using the web and save lots of time and \$ versus snail mail. Comments?

I went out on a limb and acquired several hundred IRCs to sell to the TDXS members at \$1 each, way less than the \$1.75 at the PO which usually doesn't have them anyway. Bring cash or checks along with your QSLs for the ARRL bureau. I am starting a new box, and at nearly \$11 per pound including postage, you are saving a bunch by using this great TDXS service. Don't forget the ARRL does not serve all countries, the list of exclusions is on their web site and in QST periodically. I have a bunch of returned cards for a couple of members. The ARRL does not serve US managers either, so either go direct or via the WF5E service at 4 for a dollar, and he returns your cards via the bureau. Les does a wonderful job and at a fantastic price.

See you all the 21st! 73 Buzz N5UR/Utopia TX

TDXS March Madness Meeting Announcement!

de Madison W5MJ

For those of you who wanted to know when or if there was a March TDXS meeting, this is the here-and-now: The meeting will be on Thursday evening, March 21, 2002, starting at 6:00 pm or so for dinner at the West Gray Café, 415 W. Gray, a few blocks west of downtown or a few blocks east of Montrose, depending on your orientation. The attachments contain 2 pages of the menu for the discriminating diners [which, by the definition of your Fearless Restaurant Reviewers, are those who occasionally use knives, forks and spoons instead of their hands] amongst the membership.

This month's program will be held next month. Instead, we will be discussing a plethora of ideas, new and old, at the request of Buzz N5UR. Since we need more than 7 folks in attendance at this one, please clear your calendars, bring the XYL and head out to the West Gray Café on the 21st. One of the topics to discuss is the annual banquet, and if your XYL is not there, how can you input her important ideas on the subject?!? CU then.

DX Report by Ken – AB5A

What a swing from winter into spring and back several times. But with those gyrations has been some great opportunities to work DX. After all, that's what this is all about. The two big stories come from opposite sides of the South American Continent:

Trandade & Martin isls., PW0T A group of predominantly Brazilian operators was active from Trindade. The whole story with great pictures is at: <http://www.trindade2002.com> . The QSO count was 65,089. Propagation to NA was not the greatest on the upper bands most days. EU QSO count was way above NA in the upper bands.

Cocos Is., TI9M This Dxpedition got off to a rocky start with some controversy regarding the call sign and license. The RCCR, Radio Club de Costa Rica, has been opposing this operation. See the story at www.ti0rc.org All the trouble aside this was a well run operation.

VP6/D, Ducie Is. All time new one!!! This should be activated on 16 March 2002. An earlier attempt late last year was turned back by weather. If you want to hear what a pileup sounds like, tune into this one. The website for this operation is: <http://www.qsl.net/wd4ngb/ducie.htm> This Dxpedition should be active for about a week. 21.020 Mhz (CW) and 21.295 Mhz (SSB) will be QRV 24 hours each day. Other bands will be active as conditions permit. QSL via VE3HO for all bands except 6M. 6M QSL's via JA1BK Good Luck!

P5, North Korea This rare one is scheduled to be activated by a small group of YU operators. Their plan is to activate and educate. That is, they plan to train some N. Korean operators to be hams. The team is being lead by Hrane, YT1AD Not much is known as to when they will be QRV but they are scheduled to leave for Pyong-yang this week.

A Hundred others, DX These are the one that I failed to mention for lack of omniscience. You can help me with these. I most likely to mention stuff I'm chasing so keep me posted of what your chasing and I'll be certain to share it.

DX is out there!!! Go get it, wrangle it and tell me about it,

73,
Ken

Packet Racket by Jim, N5DC

The K5DX Packet Cluster is on the air running the AB5K software. I have much to learn about the software, but it is on the air. The TDXS71 link appears to be down, but I will get it up and running. If you have questions, call me at 281-872-3845 during the day, and I will try to help.