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No announcement submitted

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 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

Lots been going on this month. First welcome to Ken Eckel, AB5A our newest member and also our new DX Chairman taking over for outgoing W9DX. Thanks for all your help Steve and for keeping up with the K5DX callsign saga. I have reinstated TDXS with the ARRL as an active club. Seems they want an annual update on membership and we were three years late.

Second, lets welcome Paul Frantz. W5PF as our new new Communications Chairman aka Bullsheet Editor. He is working with Jim Lane N5DC to handle the transfer of power. Jim has done an outstanding job of corralling wayward contributors such as yours truly, and still getting the Bullsheet out on time. Thanks so much Jim.

Don't forget next month should be our annual dinner to bring the YLs after the ARRL DX contest season. Madison is keeping his plans secret, but I am sure it will be a great affair. This months meeting is on Valentines day. Maybe we should consider setting an annual calendar well in advance to keep such conflicts to a minimum??

There is so much DX this month and next that I don't know how Ken will be able to keep up. The South Georgia and South Sandwich guys did a fantastic job, and PY0T, T19 will be up any day now, and in early March the P5 operation by the YT boys is

scheduled followed by the new improved Duchy Island operation. In the meantime, P5/4L4FN has his new butternut up and running and puts a respectable signal into Houston on 15. He should be back next week. The DX has been coming in 160-6 so check propagation and tune your favorite bands. You will be pleasantly surprised.

We also need to vote on some changes to the constitution to make our society more computer and internet friendly. Be ready to vote at this meeting.

Finally, bring or mail in your dues. See you Thursday.

73 Buzz N5UR/Utopia Texas

DX Report by Ken – AB5A

Greetings to all TDXS members. My name is Ken Eckel Jr. I was volunteered (gladly) to do the DX chairman job for a while. Steve has done an excellent job and I hope to continue that record. I would like to lie out a few ideas on my future articles. The activities on one ham can hardly cover everything Dxing has to offer. I would like to have some help in some arenas, which I am not currently pursuing. For example, if we have some EME'ers and there is something happening in that pursuit, I'd like to hear about it. Weak signal VHF'ers or uWave'ers are also welcome to keep me up to date on current activities. To me, if it's beyond yelling distance, it's DX. I can be reached at AB5A@clarc.org BTW, I am a new guy to both Dxing and TDXS so go easy on me if I fail to mention something in the articles. Certainly do give me feedback as to what you would like or would never want to see again.

South Sandwich, VP8/SS is probably the big news for the end of January. Propagation favored EU in a big way. Several TDXS'ers including myself have reported making contacts with this Dxpedition. For NA, the upper bands provided a very difficult path.

South Georgia, VP8/SG is another big operation for early February. South Georgia is several hundred miles WNW of South Sandwich. That and slightly better Solar conditions gave much better signals into NA.

South Orkney, VP8/SO LU1ZA has been on running a list operation. Signals to NA have been good but for me, its hard to tell where the list is being called and for when. Get on the list for the second Tuesday of next week. Should be loads of fun.... QSL via LU4DXU

YA5T etc., Afghanistan is back on the air. There are several operators in place but conditions are primitive for the operators and the antennas basic. The path to NA is open for fairly short periods and the EU's are hampering NA stations. I have not even heard there signal yet. It is reported that several hundred NA stations are in the log. Good luck on this one!

H44ZG & H44LB, Solomon Islands Babs & Lot are on a Pacific Dxpedition operating all modes including RTTY & PSK31. This is not a rare one but its such a poor country that not many people there can afford to get on the air. QSL via DL7AFS

H40, Temotu Islands Babs & Lot will be traveling to this DX entity perhaps as early as the weekend of 09 Feb 2002. Look for them. QSL via DL7AFS

Sonsorol Island, T88SI, IOTA OC-??? An international group of island chasers is presently on a new IOTA activation. They've been spotted on 10,15 & 20 on the standard island hailing frequencies.

A Hundred others, DX These are the one that I failed to mention for lack of omniscience. You can help me with these.

As the DX chairman, I also keep the TDXS DXCC credits spread sheet current. If you have not updated your standings in a while please send the revisions to me in an email and I will be certain they are included.

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

73,
Ken

Packet Racket by Jim, N5DC

Yesterday, 2/8 with the help of AB5K, was finally able to get AR installed on my computer at work. I'm going to try to put in some time on Sunday, and get the VHF rf part of the operation going.. I would suggest to those of you using the packet system, go to Terry's web site, and download the AR users manual, as you can pretty well setup you packet the way you want your spots to look. If CW is your bag, you can get only CW spots, you can setup filters to only get CW spots from Texas, and you can setup filters to only get CW spots from Texas on 10 meters, or whatever! This is a very powerful program, and you can pretty well get whatever you do or don't want to see. There will be several databases available, including callsigns, qsl routes, etc. TDXS spent the money for the program, it is your to use as you see fit.

Jim