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email address: k5dx@tdxx.org
Reflector: To subscribe to the TDXS reflector, go to
<http://moonbounce.n5iq.org/mailman/listinfo/tdxx-list>

The Prez Sez- de Buzz N5UR

4L4FN/P5 Valid for DXCC

As I told you all at our last meeting, this one is good for DXCC. Why else would Marti have sent him his QSL? Now if they can just get him to work stateside on RTTY and CW, we will really have something. The better news is that Ed is now scheduled to remain in North Korea until summer next year, so everyone who puts in the time should have a chance.

Its time to get make your plans for HamCom, Dayton, and your summer Dxpedition. Also, get ready to sell those raffle tickets, it is our club's only real source of revenue besides dues.

Finally, it is time to make plans for Field Day and let Dave know how you can help make this year a big success.

See you at the meeting Thursday,

73 Buzz

April Meeting

Frosty, K5LBU will host the April meeting at Olle Middle School in the CTE Classroom under the antennas. The school is located at 9200 Boone Rd. Houston, 77099 There is a Mexican Restaurant a short distance from school. It is called Lopez and is between 59 and West Belfort. Frosty will be there around 6pm to eat and meet anyone who is coming. If you do not meet Frosty at Lopez Mexican Restaurant, he will be back at school at about 6:45 and you can meet him there. The rear door to the classroom, which is the old industrial arts shop, will be open and everyone needs to enter through there. Just look for the tower and beams. If you want to contact Frosty at school, his email is:

cfrost@ollemail.alief.isd.tenet.edu

Olle Middle School Career Day

de Frosty, K5LBU

To all TDXS members:

My school which is Olle Middle School is having a career day on May 7th. I would like to have several of you folks to come by and speak to a class. Would like to have a lawyer, a salesperson (several students said they would like to be car sales people) Need some Doctors, Nurses in fact folks from all sorts of careers. Need all types of engineers also. I need to hear from some of you as we will be sending out letters in the next several weeks.

I would also love for any of you to come by during the day just to visit the station. I need this visit to impress my principal. I some could just drop by between the hours of 9am and 3pm and ask to see the ham station and talk up how it could help students to learn skills that would help them through life. Such as speaking skills, languages, careers in engineering and electronics. This would be a big boost for my getting a class next year in ham radio.

Any help would be much appreciated.

Frosty K5LBU
Olle Middle School K5OMS

PS: will let you play on the station when you visit.

DX Report by Ken – AB5A

Hello TDXS'ers. The DX has been fast a furious this last month. Many TDXS'ers worked the "new one" Ducie Island OC-182 and a rare IOTA Henderson Island OC-056. The pileups were huge, especially on Ducie, as would be expected. Also, there was a great operation from San Felix as XR0X. San Felix was easy to work and they were everywhere all at once on the bands. I just wish every month was as active as the last month.

P5, North Korea Great news on this one. The current operation P5/4L4FN has been approved for credit by the ARRL DXCC desk. So far only SSB contacts are being credited. No reason has been given as to why CW is being held back. This is going to make many DX'ers very happy.

C3, Andorra This entity has been on the air recently as C31LJ on 12M & 40M CW. QSL via VE3GEJ

A6, United Arab Emirates A61AJ is a well known contest station. It frequently operates the usual contest bands but is not heard on the WARC bands that often. Last week this station was heard on 12, 17 & 30M. QSL via N4QB

CE0Z, Juan Fernandez CE0ZIS has been QRV since the last week of March. Being as we are close to the Spring equinox there is a good chance to work this one on 6M from NA. EU's have already worked them on 6M. QSL is via Direct.

XX9, Macau XX9TRR was QRV until 1 April. Pertti, OH2PM was the operator. He made an entry into the WPX contest. QSL via OH2PM

ET, Ethiopia ET3PMW is going to be active till August. The reason I include this one is because the manager is W4PFM. That's the cheap way to QSL DX.

VK9M, Mellish Reef VK9ML will be active approximately 3 to 4 days after setting sail on 8 April. This will be a big operation. QSL via VK4APG

IOTA: There are several IOTA operations currently on the air. PT1G is on Grande Island SA-029 6V1A is on Goree Island AF-045 and active

A Hundred others, DX These are the one that I failed to mention for lack of omniscience. You can help me with these. I am 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 Eckel, AB5A

Packet Racket by Jim, N5DC

The AR software is up and running on VHF. I hope to get it running on UHF shortly. I see several connects, and I understand there are several who are monitoring the Clusters output without connecting. The biggest thing I see, are the number of people, who cannot stay connected. I can write a script, that will go out and try to reconnect a station, but I feel, that those who have a problem, should make every effort to improve their own station, so they can stay connected all the time. TDXS71 is working, but the link between it and K5DX is not good. I suspect that is a building shadowing the 2 stations, and I shall try to improve that situation. Use the Cluster, and take advantage of the powerful filtering that is available. As well there are some databases built in, that can help you as well. I will have to shut the Cluster down to replace the computer hard drive with a larger one, and I will try to do it when it will not interfere with your Dxing

Jim.- N5DC

Where is the Cluster Anyway?

If you don't know where to aim your 2m beam (if you're using one) to the K5DX packet cluster at Demondtrond, you can go to: <http://www.airways.com/java/coordcalc.html>

Enter your lat/long data on the pop-up screen, and enter the K5DX location as N29.9749 W95.4262314

You'll get back the beam heading and distance.

If you're using a vertical - well...never mind!

Steve - W9DX

Editor's Note

Thanks to K5LBU, AB5A, N5DC and W9DX for their contributions. This first issue for me has been a little hectic, but has gone smoothly thanks to a lot of help from N5DC. Remember, this is your Newsletter, if you have any contributions or suggestions please let me know.

73 es gud DX,

Paul W5PF