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Announcements

May Meeting: Thursday May 9, 2002

Location to be announced, watch the reflector.

How to Reach Us

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On 70 Cm: 447.00/442.00 (103.5 Hz)

On Packet: Connect to **K5DX-2** (145.71) via **TDXS71** or **ROSE**

email address: k5dx@tdxs.org

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

Make sure you work the K1B operation on Baker Island. In my 30 plus years i had never worked Baker Island before, only it's neighbor, Howland. Even wierder, I checked my DXCC credit for KH1 which was from 1979 and it turned out it was from Canton Island which is now T31, but the ARRL never removed my KH6GB/KH1 credit. Proir to that 1979 operation the country went by the KB6 prefix. Back in those olden days KH1/KB6 covered Baker and Howland as well as Canton and American Phoenix Islands which were both claimed by the US and GB. So depending on who issued the call. the same island and in one case even the same station could count as two DXCC countries! If memory serves me correctly, our wonderous President Carter relinquished all claims to Canton and American Phoenix for no good reason, as he did with the Canal Zone and a bunch of Caribbean DXCC counters which were reduced to IOTA status only. Now with K1B I will be able to clean up my DXCC credits on this entitiy. I just hope I can hear them on 160.

Gregg, W5IDX, is taking over the job of web master and needs updates, corrections and suggestions on how to improve and make our site more accurate. Thanks to Dave, WB5N, for all your help in this area.

Bill, W5SB, has arranged some great programs for our July through October meetings that you won't want to miss. I sure appreciate your help Bill. Details to come.

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Get ready for HamCom and get your reservations in for the DX Luncheon, which will definitely be a sellout.

FINALLY, DON'T FORGET TO VOLUNTEER FOR FIELD DAY WITH W5BXX, DAVE.

See you Thursday

73 Buzz N5UR

QSL information for VP6DI from the QSL manager Garth, VE3HO, via N5DC:

“Hi Jim

Yes USD no problem either cash or cheque. If by cheque make it payable to me. Then there is no problem clearing it.

73 Garth”

Looks like contributions in\$US will be gladly accepted. (Ed.)

May Meeting Announcement

Look for Madison’s announcement on the reflector.

DX Report by Ken – AB5A

Hello TDXS'ers. Another good DX month is behind us. I guess the big story is Mellish Reef. Well I said last month that I hoped every month was as good as the last. April has continued the trend. 6M is also Making some operators happy. EL29 continues to hear static with the occasional TE opening into SA.

VK9-M, Mellish Reef This one is the headline for April. Many operators are getting this one on many bands on this Dxpedition. This operation is actually a continuation of an exploratory limited operation that was done last May 2001. Last year was limited and mostly used to survey the site for this years operation. This year is a full blown operation with operators on the air around the clock on all bands and modes. For North America, conditions have been sporadic. Many times only Long Path was open. On Friday 19 April there was a CME coronal mass ejection that wiped out the HF bands for about 30 hours. There are some happy top band (160M) operators who have worked this one as well as 80M. This operation kept an online log updated which helped to reduce the number of duplicate insurance QSO's. QSL via VK4APG.

KH1, Baker & Howland K1B is on the air. They have been on 10,15,20 & 40M, CW, PHONE, RTTY. Most of the first day they were on 10 & 15M. This international team headed up by Hrane YT1AD will be QRV till about 9 May 2002. They are on Baker Island IOTA EU-089. interestingly, QSL information is: All PHONE QSO's via RZ3AA, ALL other modes go via YT1AD. Some Russian postal workers are going have a great time on this one. I plan to form a registered mail pool of several QSL'er to avoid this.

ET, Ethiopia ET3PMW, I reported this one last month because it had a domestic QSL manager. I include it again this month because Paul has been actively working NA on 30M. DXCC will be offering a new single band DXCC award for 30M later this year. This is a chance to get your numbers up on this band cheaply. QSL via W4PFM

A2, Botswana Several operators are activating this entity. A25/DL1YFF has been on the air on RTTY on several band. QSL via home call. A25/DJ6SI & A25/G3HCT has both been on CW on several bands. QSL these via home call.

9L, Sierra Leone Jerry D. Trousdale, K4ZIN is active from this war blighted country. He operates CW on several bands. QSL via home call.

3X, Republic of Guinea 3XY6A & 3XY8A have been active from this semirare country. Francois Normant, VE2XO is the operator of this operation. The 3XY8A was operated from KASSA Island. Which is IOTA AF-051. Francois has been active on several band on PHONE and RTTY. I heard him say that it has been 50 years since the activation on AF-051 for RTTY. QSL via VE2XO

HH, Haiti HH4/K4QD has been active on RTTY from this country. Although not a rare one, not heard too often on RTTY. QSL via home call.

VHF-UHF Sprints Coming into the Summer VHF/UHF season is marked by the Spring Sprints. These are band specific contests that are held on Tuesday nights for 2 hours. These activities are sponsored by the ETDXA. The rules are found at www.etsdx.org/vhf.htm This is crossing into the contesting discussions but I mention them because they are timed with the most probable times for Tropospheric Ducting.

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. There are hams out there making contacts with 145Ghz . It blows the mind how they do it. But hey, that's ham radio. DX is out there!!! Go get it, wrangle it and tell me about it, even if it's a CW laser contact with LED pointers measured in meters.

73,
Ken Eckel, AB5A

Packet Racket by Jim, N5DC

While AR is up and running, there is much about it I still don't understand! It has a "reconnect" feature, that is supposed to go out and reconnect to AB5K, when I loose that connection. Yet the software refuses to do so! I'm working with the Author to try to circumvent the problem. The rf link between TDXS71 and K5DX is not good, and it looks like some sort of antenna move is in order. Since the antenna at the Cluster site is fixed, that leaves only the on at TDXS 71. As I'm sure you all know, a move of a few feet can make a big difference on 2 meters, so I will look into moving the downtown antenna. I hope to reestablish the UHF link within the next 2 weeks.