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The Prez Sez- de Buzz N5UR

Urgent Meeting Notice

Thursday June 20 at 6:00 PM Details in Buzz' Message on Page 2

See special message from the Prez on Page 2

MEETING THURSDAY 6 PM GOODE COMPANY BARBECUE

I have booked the upstairs of the Goode Company Barbecue at the Campbell Road Exit of I-10 West between 610 and Beltway 8. Goode Company is on the south side service road next to Carter Country about one half mile east of Campbell Road.

First we have to discuss Field Day. SInce we cannot use W5SJS's place this year, we need to discuss alternatives which as I see it are:

Relocate to the lumber yard, George NR5M's place. I understand Madison has the key. We would need someone to tow the tower there. Dave and Jim have their campers available.

Do a low power cw or other on the beach Field Day per Carmody/Topp. Dave's house is rented this weekend, but there is lots of beach.

Everyone is also welcome to join the BVARC field day at George Bush Park, just north of 1093 (Westheimer) and FM 1464, Thanks Allen R. Brier N5XZ

Everyone is welcome to join the NARS Group. We will be operating about a block East of the Beltway on Hammerly. Just behind the little league fields on the North side of Hammerly. BBQ is served around 6:00 on Saturday. Thanks Bill W5SB

I believe we also have an invite from CLARC per KEN ECKEL AB5A. Details please Ken.

Second, we need to get organized for Bill Denton's upcoming four speakers. We need to set a place/places and times and get advertising. These look to be great, thanks Bill. We will need separate locations for dinner and the meetings as we have real programs and need more quiet than a restaurant. Bring your ideas.

Finally, bring any buro cards, the last box of 10# should be in Newington.

Please lets get a big turnout Thursday so we can do a Field Day and have some fun. Please let me know if you are coming so I can get a count. Food is reasonably priced and really Goode.

Please join us

73 Buzz N5UR

DX Report by Ken – AB5A

Hello TDXS'ers. Dxing has gotten a little more challenging this last month with the Season moving into Summer and lots of CME's coming from el Sol. 6M Sporadic E season is upon us and activity has been pretty good.

KH1, Baker & Howland K1B has gone QRT. They did about 86,000 contacts total. QSL information is: All PHONE QSO's via RZ3AA <u>ALL</u> other MODES go via YT1AD.

<u>VK0-M, Macquarie Is</u> Peter Andrew Pokorny, VK0MQI will be on this one for 11 months or so. QSL via JA1ELY

XW, Laos Hiroo Yonezawa, XW0X has been active on 17M. QSL via XW2A

<u>TN, Congo</u> The Spanish team of Josep Gibert, EA3BT & Nuria Font Soler, EA3WL who brought us a great operation from Comoros last year, activated this war troubled country. They mostly ran PHONE and RTTY. Very little CW was attempted and most of those contacts were with EU. They worked very hard almost around the clock and up and down the bands to give new ones to many happy DX'ers. QSL via EA3BT.

R1M, **Malyj Vysotski Is** Was activated by an international team headed by Jukka OH2BR. They made a showing in the WPX contest. QSL via OH2BR

<u>VK9XV, Christmas Is</u> Bert v d Berg, a world traveler, activated this one for several days. He worked mostly EU as the propagation to NA was both poor and disturbed by solar storms. He was heard by this writer but not worked on 12M, 15M & 17M early in the operation just before the solar storms. QSL via PA3GIO

<u>VK9LO, Lord Howe Is</u> Bert v d Berg left Christmas Is for this one on about the 25th of May. What a difference a week makes in solar storms. Bert has been easy to work worldwide on all the upper bands. No CW but Bert indicated that another team was coming to Lord Howe in the near future that will operate CW. QSL via PA3GIO

KH9, Wake Is This one has been active on 20M PSK31. Terry L Hoffart, W7ASU has been on the air in his spare time. This one is going to become more rare as time goes by as permanent habitation of this island has been abandoned. QSL via W7ASU.

<u>A Hundred others, DX</u> 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 Eckel, AB5A

HamCom Report: Sales Hot - TDXS Brings Home The Prize!

de Madison W5MJ

Although pre-HamCom sales were a little slow compared to past years, the buyers came to the TDXS booth in Arlington on June 7-8 in large numbers to make a donation in hopes of winning the Yaesu FT-100D, which the club offered at raffle again this year. And the lucky winner is . . . W9DX, Steve Smothers, who held the winning ticket. Steve also bought a number of other non-winning tickets, but his disappointment was overcome by taking the big prize! As always, the person doing the drawing was a 10 year old YL General class licensee who pulled Steve's name out of the bin. Since she was kind enough to donate a couple of dollars for tickets herself, she did Steve a big favor!

This year's sales amounted to a little over \$2000, with some receipts not yet in: a good year but we did notice that some of the contributors were a little more selective in their purchases. This was borne out in the general lack of bargains at the flea market tables and with the commercial vendors as well. Attendance was up a little from last year from the looks of things, but the buyers were more cautious. The TDXS members who attended the function all came by, bought tickets and offered advice. The first in line to buy was Brent NT5D, who showed up before we even put out the TDXS banner, and many others followed his lead.

Many thanks to those who helped at the booth and prior: Bob Burns W5SJS provided the printing; Bob Walworth N5ET did yeoman service in selling tickets prior to HamCom; Frosty K5LBU, Evie W5XYL, and Jim N5DC all spent many hours in the booth; Dale KG5U took a lot of his time which he would have otherwise spent squeezing capacitors walking up and down the aisles trading tickets for donations, and many members too numerous to mention spent their time and hard earned cash in making the whole thing a great success. Thanks everyone!

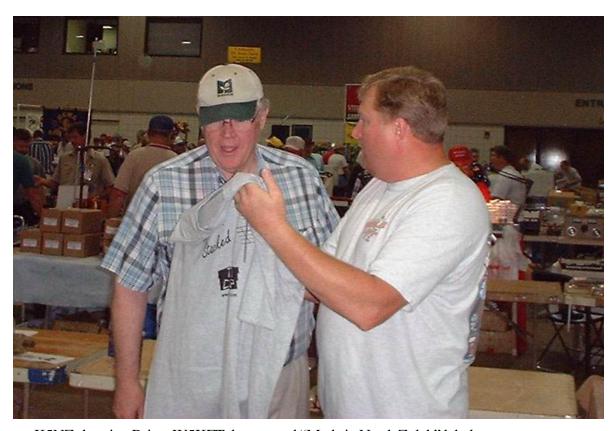
Ham Com Photos

The following pages are photos from Ham Comm 2002 courtesy of Jim Lane, N5DC.

Thanks Jim



Sheri Christian, Tom Christian, VP6TC and John DeVoldere, ON4UN, at the DX Luncheon. Tom put on a very interesting program on the Ducie Is. DXpedition and life on Pitcairn Island.



K5NZ showing Brian, W5KFT the coveted "Made in North Zulch" label.



The TDXS Booth ready for action above.

Below: Mike and Madison hard at work selling tickets. Check out those new TDXS shirts!

