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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting: Thursday August 8th 7:00PM
Chapelwood UMC, Dinner at Goode Co. 6PM
See announcement on page 2.
TDXS Web Page address HAS CHANGED. It is
now <http://www.tdxx.net>

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The Prez Sez - de Buzz, N5UR

Get ready for another great meeting. George was a real hit and our turnout was the best in a couple of years, although I fear a few scouts could not understand it all. I will be working with them this Fall to get their merit badges and hopefully licenses.

This Thursday August 8th. Mike Wheat AD5IX, will be our speaker. Mike is Director of RF Engineering at Cingular. Among other things Mike will talk about how you can have your own cell tower with Ham antennas on it as well.....and get it paid for. They also will supply the antenna of your choice and install it for you.....pretty neat huh??

Location is the same as last month, the Chapelwood United Methodist Church on Greenbay off Memorial at 7PM with dinner upstairs at Goode Company Barbecue at 6PM. I promise a new location next month but Bill and I need your help to find a place for our next speaker. See us Thursday.

The Prez Sez is continued on page 2.

August Meeting Announcement

by **Bill Denton, W5SB**

The meeting will be at the same place as last month, Chapelwood United Methodist Church, 11140 Greenbay, in Room 5 of the Copeland Center. Time is 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Dinner will be at Goode Co. on Katy Freeway at 6:00 PM.

This month's program takes a little turn away from Ham Radio. Mike Wheat will join us and discuss an industry that is known to most of us, cellular telephones.

Mike, AB5IX, got his early education in electronics at a ripe old age of 17. He worked as an assistant engineer at KQTI AM in Edna, Texas. In the US Navy he was a Fire Control Technician for Missile Systems aboard the USS Carl Vinson. Mike dabbled in the two way radio business for a while and eventually went to work as an RF engineer for a cellular system in Tyler and Longview Texas. In 1988 he came to Houston and currently is the Director of RF Engineering for Cingular Wireless. He is responsible for RF Design, Performance and Growth Management for several markets in Texas.

Come and listen to Mike talk about the current state of Cellular phones. He was also have some show and tell items from his end of the business. He will also talk to us about how Ham Radio antennas and the cellular systems can interface.

I was very pleased with the attendance at last month's meeting. So come and support Mike and listen to his very interesting experiences in the Cellular Phone industry.

The Prez Sez: (Cont'd)

I am learning what is to be a Texan. In June I had ten loads of caliche bulldozed in my land in Utopia for a new and improved driveway. Two weeks later 39" of rain washed it and more away. Luckily that was my only damage, as many neighbors lost homes, cars, and businesses. You can't imagine more than a years worth of rain in 3 days on ground that is essentially limestone rock. There are mattresses etc. 30 feet high in trees.

DX is starting its Fall comeback with a huge operation in Burma using 4 new prefixes XY3C, XY5T, XY7V and including one all time new IOTA XYØTA Apaw-Ye Kyun Aug 16-19. YE2R will be another new IOTA Aug28-Sep 3. VK9WDI (not DWI) will be the Coral Sea Islands and V73KZ and V73SX hope to put on two new atolls! KL7AK/p and 8A3M are currently on the air as new ones so go work them. What ya gonna do after you get your P5 card??

Thanks to the efforts of Jim Carmody, TDXS is back on the web as TDXS.net as TDXS.org was stolen out from under us when we did not renew our url and it was snatched. Jim also has contacted the Heart of Texas DX Society to try and get them to change their name to something less like ours. THANKS JIM.

Off to New Orleans, see you Thursday Tropical storms accommodating! 73
Buzz N5UR

DX Report by Ken – AB5A

Hello TDXS'ers. There have been some great Dxpeditions in place this last month but propagation has really kept the activity down. The upper bands are not opening and the lower bands are useful for shorter periods because of the long summer days.

5K0Z, San Andreas & Providencia Not a rare entity but there were some unique aspects of this operation. First they had a special callsign, which is nice for prefix hunters. They were active on the low bands especially 160M and they were active on Satellites via AO-40. IOTA NA-033. QSL via: DH7WW.

3G1A, Santa Maria Is. IOTA SA-069 The Southern Cross DX Group is using the special Chilean prefix 3G for this IOTA activation. QSL via CE4USW or Buro

6W1RD, Senegal Again not a rare one but “Billy” or Bilal Youssef has hooked up a computer sound card for RTTY. QSL via CBA

TG9KZ, Guatemala Again not a rare one but seldom hear on RTTY. Francisco has also hooked up a computer sound card and has been active on both RTTY & PSK31. QSL via CBA. In researching this QSL path I found conflicting information which makes this operation suspect.

YW1T, Toas Is. IOTA SA-066 was activated in celebration of Venezuelan Navy day. QSL via W4SO mail drop or via Buro.

VE9W, White Head Is. IOTA NA-014, CISA NB-010 was activated by a team of operators during the IOTA contest. QSL via VE2CWI

5C2MI, Mogador Is. IOTA AF-065 was activated 26-28 July. QSL via I2JSB

LU1ZA, South Orkney. Laurie Island ,IOTA AN-008, has a new operator, “Claudio” He is heard mostly on weekends in particular Saturday mornings. LU4DXU is the pilot station and runs a list operation. QSL via LU4DXU

8Q7ZZ, Maldive Is. IOTA AS-013 has a team of operators on all bands and modes until 11Aug 2002. Propagation for us in Texas has been very difficult. 17M seems to be the best opportunity to work this DX.

They have been active on 30M and worked NA east coast but the path to TX has a very short window. QSL via G3SWH

6M Sporadic E (Es) The late July early August period has been active on 6M. Several double hop Es openings to the NW have yielded new grids for operators in EL29. There have also been fairly unique short Es openings to KS, NM, West TX & MO. Ah, the magic band, don't ya just love it. HF will let ya down in the summer and when it does 6M does its magic.

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 Eckel, AB5A