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ANNOUNCEMENTS

October Meeting - Thursday Oct. 10, 7:00 PM
Tracy Gee Center - See page 2
Pre Meeting Dinner - Outback Steakhouse
Gessener and Westheimer - See Page 2

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The Prez Sez - de Buzz, N5UR

First I want to welcome our newest member, Glenn Anderson WB5TUF.

Second, I want to thank Jim Carmody NN5O for his time and work in putting our Operation Outback meeting together. The management and staff of Outback were wonderful and gave us a great meal. Its an amazing organization that does so much and yet refuses to get the advertising they richly deserve for all their generosity to our troops. Maybe we can meet there this Thursday before our meeting to show our support. (See the Meeting Announcement - Ed.)

Business wise we have to come up with a slate of officers for next year. Second, we have to pick a date and get a holiday party planned. There are certain members who only show at the dinner, and I for one want to see them all again. Check your contest calendars, that first weekend in February looks like it might work???

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DX is slow this month, R1ANF/p is currently on from a new Brazilian Base in Antarctica (South Shetlands for DXCC) and he plans to activate a Chilean base next. Here are my upcoming island picks to watch for:

OCT11-16 OC-120 DZ1MS Cuyo Islands
OCT14-15 SA-NEW HK3JJH/4 either from Titumate Isis or Napu Rock
OCT??? R1ANF/A Chilean base "Profesor Julio Escudero" (WABA CE-11)
OCT24/28 OC-NEW V63RE Nowin Island in the North All group
OCT26 NZ5T 1400z The Island (USI TX-036L), Lake Whitney 14250, 21290 and 28435 MHz
Oct30-Nov5 OC-NEW V63RE Etal Island in the S. Mortolok group
NOV6-10 OC-NEW VK4WWI Woody Wallis Island

Hope to see you all at the meeting Thursday. Good DX & 73 Buzz N5UR

PRE-MEETING DINNER

This month's meeting is at the Tracy Gee Center, so the pre-meeting dinner will be at Outback Steak House, at the southwest corner of Gessner and Westheimer, just inside Beltway 8 at Westheimer. Outback has a great 9 oz. sirloin for \$13.95 if you want a full dinner, but offers hamburgers and other sandwich fare for much less if you are not inclined to have a full meal. See you there about 6 PM this Thursday evening.

CU there, and on 147.36+ on the way.

Madison
W5MJ

The Tracy Gee Center is on the east side of Westcenter St., which runs south from Richmond and is the first street inside Beltway 8 at Richmond. -- Ed.

October Program - Houston Transtar

Bill Denton W5SB

This month's meeting will be presented to us by BJ Lowery, WB5PKD. BJ is an officer in the Houston Police Department stationed at the Transtar building. If you have seen the inside of the building you have observed the NASA Mission Control like environment with the big video screens and hundreds of consoles and TV monitors. BJ is stationed at one of those consoles and help coordinate traffic problems through out the streets and highway systems in the City of Houston. He can control more than 275 TV cameras around the city to help identify problems. He interfaces with many governmental agencies including radio, TV and other news media. Another level of his involvement is working with the city Emergency Management team. There are several Ham Radio stations located in Transtar.

Come and enjoy BJ's very interesting presentation about his work and involvement at Houston Transtar

A Big TDXS “Thank You” to Outback Steakhouse

I want to personally thank the 20 TDXS members/spouses who showed up to honor Outback Steakhouse for its Mission Outback to our military forces in Afghanistan. I am proud of you for recognizing them. Buzz presented them with a beautiful plaque which has a photo depicting the Operation. You will hopefully be reading about the event in QST.

Jim Carmody, nn5o



Left to right: Steve Miller, Regional Manager Outback Steakhouse, Lyle Hart, Owner Carillion Outback, Buzz Jehle, N5UR, TDXS Pres

DX Report by Ken – AB5A

Hello TDXS'ers. With the equinox just weeks behind us the TE Transequitorial openings have been good on 6M. The Ionosphere has been unsettled but the good news is the Sunspot numbers are rising. This could be the last hooray on the upper bands, make the most of it!!!

5Z, Kenya Alex, 5Z4DZ has been active from Nairobi on the low bands during the night hours and looking for US stations on TOP bands at his SR (sunrise). QSL via PA1AW

9U, Burundi Baldur, 9U0X was very active from Burundi mostly on CW. QSL via DJ6SI

TT, Chad Christian, TT8DX has been active from Chad mostly on PHONE. He works 10-40M. He will then visit Mali (TZ) on 1-15 October and Cameroon (TJ) from 16 October through 30 November. In December he is expected to be in Tanzania (5H), Burkina Faso (XT), Ivory Coast (TU) and Gabon (TR). QSL via F5OGL.

9L, Sierra Leone Zbigniew, 9L1BTB was recently convinced to operate RTTY. This country is relatively rare on RTTY. He has been on 20M RTTY around 0100utc. QSL via SP7BTB.

UK, Uzbekistan Fyodor, UK9AA was recently heard on RTTY and made an entry during the CQWW RTTY contest. This too is a relatively rare one on RTTY. QSL via HC.

9M6, East Malaysia Yuichi, 9M6SLC was heard during the CQWW RTTY contest on RTTY. He also worked the WARC bands before and after the contest. QSL via JH7IMX (for Sep & Oct 2002 only).

DU, Philippines Jonathan, DU9/N0NM made a stab at the CQWW RTTY contest. DU is not heard often on RTTY. QSL via HC.

T7, San Marino Giovanni, T77CD, was also heard during the CQWW RTTY contest on several bands on RTTY. T7 is not often heard on RTTY. QSL via HC

VE, Canada CQ Zone 2 Nenad, VE3EXY/2 was up in zone 2 working the CQWW RTTY contest. He is often up there but is hard to work from here is Texas. His signals on 30M/40M pounded in at night but above 20M was very difficult to impossible. Zone 2 has been elusive for me on 10M/12M PHONE or CW.

Z2, Zimbabwe Maurice, Z2/PA3HHT was heard on 10M/12M PHONE recently. He last operated Z2 in 1999. QSL via HC

6M Trans Equatorial (Te) LU's have been worked in southern parts of US. Look for this to continue.

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

Odds and Ends

The Prez reminds us that the South Texas ARC Hamfest will be on Nov. 9, 2002 in Corpus Christi. Free Tailgating and admission. Check www.starc-corpuschristi.org for details or contact k5ncz@arrl.org or n0wzh@arrl.org.

Changes are coming to the W5 Incoming QSL Bureau. Floyd, N5FG, of the Magnolia DX Association has resigned as Bureau Manager. Jerry, K5YAA, of the Oklahoma DX Association has taken over the job. The Bureau is currently moving to Oklahoma. Jerry has committed to continue the excellent web site created by Randy, W5UE, arguably the best Bureau website. Check it out at www.mdxa.org/buro.html. Details on the changeover will be posted there. -- Paul W5PF

WANTED: Westinghouse MW-2 and MW-3 Transmitters. I am seeking to acquire Westinghouse MW-2 and MW-3 Transmitters. The MW-2 is an AM transmitter, consisting of an RF unit, a Modulator unit, and a Rectifier unit. The MW-3 is a SSB Transmitter, consisting of a Speech Processing and Balanced Modulator unit, a Linear Power Amplifier unit, and a Rectifier unit. I will consider complete transmitters or individual units.

These transmitters are rather large and heavy. The MW-2 RF and Modulator units are 12" x 24" x 72" and the rectifier unit is 24" x 24" x 72" in size, and weigh 400 and 800 pounds respectively. The three units comprising the MW-3 are similar in size and weight.

I am also looking for a source of spare parts for each of these transmitters (especially the individual transformers providing filament voltage to each of the HV rectifier tubes), as well as a set of technical manuals (original or copy) for the MW-3.

I am also looking for an original or a good, clean, readable, and complete copy of the Technical Manual for a Hewlett-Packard Model 1727A Oscilloscope.

Please contact me by leaving a message on this bulletin board, via e-mail at 'myctpab@earthlink.net' or by telephone at (281)-244-7695 during weekdays.

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