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The Prez Sez - de Madison, W5MJ

I can tell by the opinions expressed to me thus far in 2003 that this will be an excellent year to the Texas DX Society. Several members have given me suggestions about changes in what we do and how we accomplish it. You will be pleased with the result! For those of you who are lurking out there with your own ideas, please give them to me soon.

One of the things from which TDXS has drifted away is DOING THINGS TOGETHER. This broad category includes things like monthly meetings, Field Day, and helping one another in projects like antenna parties. Because the participation comes from you and me, why not think of ways we can participate as a group, instead of individually? After all, what is group participation other than just getting two or more together at the same time to work for a common goal? That's the way TDXS used to make a big impression, like the Field Day 23A record from many years, which still stands. That took 23 transmitting stations, which meant a large group.

In that vein, there are a number of events coming in the next several months to mark on your calendars in which we can participate together. The first thing coming up is the January meeting next Thursday. See Frosty's announcement for details of location, but you KNOW it will be Thursday evening.

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TDXS Calendar

Upcoming events of interest to TDXSer's

NAQPCW	Jan. 11-12
NAQPSSB	Jan 18-19
CQ 160 M Test	Jan 24-26

TDXS Annual Dinner Feb 1
See details in Prez Sez

ARRL DX CW	Feb 15-16
ARRL DX SSB	Mar 1-2

Contact W5SB or N1LN about TDXS trip to Mexico for the ARRL Tests.

Monthly Meeting Announcement

**January Meeting -Thursday January 9
7:00PM Tracy Gee Center**

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. See you there....

Frosty, K5LBU

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. Please plan to attend, especially if we haven't seen you in awhile. The February meeting will be on **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1**, and is the Winter Dinner, which will be coming to an excellent location near you. Melanie Bradford is securing the dining room, and it will be a fine affair. Cost to you is \$35 each person, with TDXS picking up an additional \$15. This is a great opportunity to see actual TDXS members behaving themselves which having fun, showing that it can be done in style!

Speaking of Frosty K5LBU, I know that he has planned a Dxpedition in July to Lesotho and Swaziland to coincide with the IARU World Championship, and is taking applications by email, telephone and in person. Along with the usual spate of winter contests, TDXS again plans to make a showing in Mexico in February and March in the ARRL DX contest. While the callsign is still not finalized, much of the planning and organization for the CW portion on February 14-16 is complete, and the SSB portion on Feb. 28-March 2 is coming into shape nicely. If you have it in mind to be an International Contester, this is the place to be first. Call Bill W5SB or Bruce N1LN for details and a spot on the bus. The seats are filling rapidly.

For planning purposes, please note that Dayton is set for mid-May, as usual. Chuck W5PR will be putting something on the Reflector pronto to get a delegation of TDXSers there. How many of us have said (including me), "That's somewhere I have never been but would like to go?" Why not this year? See W5PR for details very soon, since motel rooms are hard to find, even now.

Field Day Chairman Dave W5BXX says there will be a gathering at Galveston Beach this year: a little fun in the sun while resting from being on the 2-4 am shift, perhaps. Or why not have several TDXS teams competing against each other from different locations. Like one at the beach and another at Brenham. All it takes is your support, and a little of your time. If you don't do Field Day, why not try it?

That's enough time on the 'box. CU next Thursday. de Madison, W5MJ