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## The Prez Sez - de Madison, W5MJ

It never ceases to amaze me how much activity there is in amateur radio, and especially in TDXS. Though the spots are declining, there is still plenty of Dxing and contesting out there, and for anyone who wants other activities, read on!

For those who did not attend Dayton last month, you missed out! There were 17 past and present TDXSers there, which is a good number by any reckoning. Though it rained Saturday and made the outdoor flea market less inviting, there was still more to see than time available. There were lively discussions at the hospitality suites, too. At one point on Saturday evening, there were more TDXSers in the SMC suite than SMCers by a bunch. I understand our CW ops did well in the pileup contest, but did not get the gold medal.

If you are still thirsting for action, the ARRL National Convention is at this year's Arlington HamCom, June 20-22. This will be a great opportunity to get your closet cleaned up of those treasures you no longer need, and sell them at the TDXS table at the indoor flea market. The crowd ought to be larger than usual because of it is the national gathering, so plan to get there early and stay late.

## TDXS Calendar

Upcoming events of interest to TDXSer's

**ARRL National Convention at Ham Com  
Arlington June 20, 21 & 22**

**TDXS Field Day 2003 - June 28 & 29**  
See p. 3 for Dave's Article

**Lesotho, 7P8, DXpedition - July 18-25**

## Monthly Meeting Announcement

**June Meeting - Thursday June 12th  
7:00PM Tracy Gee Center**  
Dave, W5BXX will discuss final plans for  
**Field Day 2003**

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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On that subject, now is the time to get (and/or pay for) your raffle tickets for the TDXS raffle. This year's prize (how can you not know this already?!) is a new Yaesu FT-897 go-anywhere-so-anything-DC-to-daylight rig, complete with batteries. This beauty runs 100 watts with AC power and 25 watts with the batteries and HF, with corresponding power levels on the VHF and UHF bands. Be the first in your ham shack to own a fist full of tickets! Still 12 for \$10 or \$1 for single tickets. Drawing will be Saturday, June 20 at Arlington, and you still don't have to be present to win. Please do your part by buying tickets prior to Arlington, and selling tickets at the TDXS booth.

Finally, Field Day will be here the last weekend of June. Dave W5BXX, our 2003 FD Chairman, will give us his plan at the June club meeting, which will occur at the Tracy Gee Center, 3599 Westcenter Street, on Thursday, June 12 at 7:00 pm. For those of you with an interest in what the TDXS board is doing, plan to attend the board meeting at the Outback Steak House in the Carillon Centre, Westheimer at Gessner, starting at 5:45 pm same day.

There's probably more I can report, but this is enough for now. See you in the pileups.

**Madison W5MJ**

## FIELD DAY 2003

Thus far we have 6 members committed to the event. Looks like we will have equipment and antennas for 6m through 160, SSB and CW, along with a satellite station. Should have 4 stations on the air at all times. At least 4 guys will have family along for "fun on the beach". Dinner Saturday night will be a "low-country" shrimp boil, with shrimp, sausage, chicken, red potatoes and corn in the mix, along with a salad and maybe desert. For those coming down on Friday we can do take-out or go to one of a couple of great seafood places. Breakfast Saturday and Sunday will be whatever the gals come up with!

A detailed map will be sent to all the committed, but if anyone wants to come down at the last minute, Just take Hwy 288 through Lake Jackson and watch for the 332 Surfside exit to the right a couple of miles past the big shopping complex in LJ. Go to the stop light just before the beach, turn left and go 4.8 miles to FD on the right. The 40MPH is strictly enforced!

Come on down just to visit and enjoy the area.....we won't force you to operate!

**Dave W5BXX**

## DXCC 2002 Annual List

I've run the TDXS membership list through the DXCC 2002 Annual List. For those making submissions to the League from October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002, the mode totals credited are listed below. As of September 30, 2002, the countries list has 335 current entities and those within 9 credits of this figure are on the Honor Roll. The totals below include credit for deleted entities. For those with band totals credited on the printed list, your results will appear on the TDXS webpage. My apologies if I missed anyone.  
Sharp - K5DX (SK) still managed to top us all!

<u>CALLSIGN</u>	<u>MIXED</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>CW</u>	<u>RTTY</u>	<u>SAT</u>
AB5A	311	304	287	204	
K5DX (SK)	379	374			
K5KG	295				
K5MA	351				
K5NA	365	360	342		
K5NZ	305	212	192		
K5RC	364				
K5UO	343	341	339		
K6SE	321	276			176
KE5TF	342				
N5DC	355				
N5DD	284	283			
N5ET	345	321	343		
N5LZ	342	338	329		
N5MT	342		161		
N5UR	355	349	342	150	
N5XZ	339				
NN5O	340				
W5ASP	336				
W5HNS	307	265	203		
W5LLU	334	334			
W5MJ			210		
W5PF	324	298	163		
W5UN	376				
W5XYL	353	273			
W9AJ	338	325	300		
W9DX	345	345			
WB5TUF	130				

**Congratulations to all who made submissions!**  
**Steve - W9DX**

## **“DX Report by Ken – AB5A”**

Hello TDXS'ers. Operators have had to adjust the definition of DX in the last weeks since the equinox. There have been several good operations planned but propagation has really challenged the DX community. I guess this could be said to separate the men from the alligators since the real challenge is “hearing” not “being heard”.

**IOTA EU-008, Raasay Island** Bob,N5ET: Linda,KE5TF both TDXS'ers and Peter,GM3OFT activated this IOTA on 31May03 for several hours. Propagation was not available for us here in Texas. The IOSA and SCOTIA award references for Raasay are IOSA NH-10 and SCOTIA CN-24. QSL via: N5ET(NA) & GM3OFT(EU)

**IOTA EU-123, Great Cumbrae Island** Bob,N5ET: Linda,KE5TF both TDXS'ers and Peter,GM3OFT activated this IOTA on 04June03 for several hours. Propagation was not available for us here in Texas. The IOSA and SCOTIA award references for Great Cumbrae are IOSA CL-03 and SCOTIA CS-17. QSL via: N5ET(NA) & GM3OFT(EU)

**USIA** Ralph, NM5RC activated several US Islands in May. Some were Bobs Island USIA: NM004L, Upper Island USIA: NM003L. QSL via HC. The US Islands award web page is located at: <http://www.eng.mu.edu/~usi>

**Special Event Station R300SP** This special callsign is being used to commemorate the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Saint Petersburg, Russia. QSL via RU1AE.

**IOTA AS-014, Mahoot Island** A41MA, Younis activated this IOTA. QSL via HC.

**Special Event Station TE75???** Several station were using this special prefix commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first amateur radio in Cost Rico. QSL via TI0RC.

**VK9-L, Lord Howe Island** Trevor, VK7TS activated this on RTTY for several days. While VK9-L is not rare, it is not often heard on RTTY. QSL via VK7TS.

**IOTA AF-019, Lampedusa Island** Vanni, IK4RUX activated this IOTA for several days. QSL via HC.

**4W, Republic of Timor Leste, All time new one(maybe)** Kan, JA1BK and Yuu, JR2KDN activated this as yet confirmed entity. WFWL(work first worry later) is the order of the day on this one. Its either a great day or a pink slip day for working this one. QSL 4W1BK via WA2MOE and 4W1DN via JR2KDN.

**IOTA NA-013, Little Corn Island** Mike, AD5A and sons activated this island for several days using H74C as their callsign. QSL via N6AWD.

**Magic Band** This years Es propagation season has been very active. The solar wind that wipes out HF has been a benefit to the 6M band. Several opening between the east cost of NA and EU have been noted. The elusive double hop Es has also given transcontinental contacts for operators on both coasts of NA. Get on the magic band!!!

**Hundred others, DX** These are the ones that I failed to mention for lack of omniscience. You can help me with these. I am 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.