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The Prez Sez - de Madison, W5MJ

Seems like there is always something going on, and the question is how to decide which of the many activities in which we should participate. This weekend [which is September 26 as I write this] I will forego the RTTY contest and will go mobile in the Texas QSO Party. K5GQ and I will be headed to San Angelo and back, giving CW-only Qs to those who qualify [translation=those who can hear us and who we can hear well enough to work]. The last time I did this was about 10 years ago. Don N5LZ [then he was KI3L], Dave WB5N and I went through East Texas doing SSB and CW as the spirit moved us. It was wonderful! You should try it.

Our next meeting is one which excites TDXSers every year – we will accept nominations from the floor for the next year's officers. Our Constitution says that all of the officers are elected for a year's term, and I am a believer in term limits. We guarantee there will be a new President and Vice President to help you get through the ups and downs of amateur radio, TDXS style. Nobody has volunteered for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, so here is your chance to get into the Political Scene and learn incompetence first hand! Why sit around when you can be on the Front Lines of Radiodom?. See elsewhere for the particulars.

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TDXS Calendar

Upcoming events of interest to TDXSer's

CQWW - Phone October 25-29
W5SB, N1LN, W5IDX will be part of
theNP2B team.

(There must be more folks going to exotic
locations, but this is all I have. ..ed.)

Micronesia - V6 - Nov. 23 - 30
Paul, V63PF (W5PF) and Cal V63WC
(WF5W) will be on from Yap (OC-012)

Monthly Meeting Announcement

October Meeting -Thursday October 9th
6:00PM Luther's (Gessner & Westheimer)
Dinner will be followed by the general meeting.
After the Nomination of 2004 Officer, there will
be a live demo of PSK31

Frosty, K5LBU

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I have been doing my QSL thing from 7P8 lately, now that propagation is on the slide. It is lots of work but I am getting better and the ins and outs of my logging software. I am embarrassed to see the number of mistakes in my log, but I had a good time making them, I must say. Too bad if you did not work me, because my card is one of the finest ever seen without aid of a telescope. I am pleased to report that Tony LZ1JZ did a bang-up job for a good price, and door-to-door in less than 30 days.

Now that the contest season is off and running, it's time to get my antennas off the garage wall and back into the air. [My contest rallying cry has always been, "Wait for me. I am your leader!"] I did send my rotator off for repairs a couple of weeks ago, so it should be back in time for the 160 contests . . .

de Madison W5MJ

From the Editor....

The Bullsheat is a little small this month since ye olde editor will be out of town for the first week in October and had to send this month's edition out early. My apologies to those who could not meet the early deadline.

Nominations for TDXS Officers for 2004 de Madison W5MJ

If you have ever wanted to be in the thick of things politically, here's your chance! The Nominating Committee has found volunteers for President and Vice President, and there are other opportunities still available. Elections will be at the November meeting per the Constitution.

Those fine folks who stepped to the front [so far] are:

President – Mike Anderson N5MV
vice President – Don Daze N5DD

Last year's Secretary, Ed Gerber W5GCX, and Treasurer, Dave Topp W5BXX, have grudgingly said they will accept another term if there is no one who wants those jobs.

Don't let the fact that the Nominating Committee did some spadework in advance. If you want to be an officer, now is the time! Not only is the field less crowded than the Democratic presidential field, the cost of a campaign is nil.

At the October meeting, you will have an opportunity to get nominated for any of these positions. Get a friend to stand up and give your name to the assembly. Or, if you have no friends, you can even put your own name in! If you don't there will be no excuse for continuing to feel bad about not being elected hall monitor in junior high, because I feel confident that if you are nominated, you will have a Good Shot at being elected. Besides, it will do good things for TDXS and for you, too.