



# THE BULLSHEET

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## The Prez Sez - de Madison, W5MJ

The contest season is upon us, and I am not ready! While I have already made arrangements to operate a couple of contests elsewhere, I thought it would be appropriate to cast a critical eye toward my own Pop Gun station at my house. Though it is unlikely I will be able to get another 30 feet on the tower, it didn't take a lot of analysis to see that my A-3 would probably get a better signal out if the elements were all in line. In addition, I guess a few teeth have come loose inside the rotator [hey, you get old and the body falls apart, and the same thing applies to rotators. Mine was 80 years old in dog years.] I spent an hour yesterday taking the thing down, pinning the boom to itself so the weight of a couple of pigeons won't twist it, shining the elements and such, and setting the elements to the boom in a more-or-less horizontal plane. My neighbors will probably be able to appreciate the aesthetics even if they don't appreciate the beauty of a yagi in one's back yard.

For the rest of you who are waiting for the good weather to get started on improving your system, now is the time. NAQP is already history, and every weekend offers a different venue.

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## TDXS Calendar

Upcoming events of interest to TDXSer's

**Katy A.R.S./Houston Vintage Radio Assoc.  
Swapmeet and Auction**  
7AM, Saturday Sep.13th, Katy VFW Hall

**The TEXAS QSO PARTY**  
September 27 and 28, See Page 2

**W5AC Reunion**  
12 Noon October 4th (After Belton)  
See Page 3 for Details

## Monthly Meeting Announcement

**Monthly Meeting - Thursday September 11th**  
7:00PM Tracy Gee Center  
Don, N5DD will discuss the HF digital modes.  
See Page 3 for details.

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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## The Prez Sez, from page 1

For those who are only DXers, you have probably already worked all of them anyway, so why not jump in the fray? Please be sure to list TDXS as your club, since every little bit helps in getting a good total in the club competition. The Texas QSO party [which used to be sponsored by TDXS back when] is the last weekend of the month. I plan to be on the road with K5GQ, doing CW only from about 30 counties in West Texas. That's a good one to use while looking over the beauties of the Texas countryside, so get in the old flivver and hit the road!

Buzz N5UR is now back from the Marshalls, which is more than Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan can say. The propagation was not so good from my QTH to there, but perhaps I can explain it by the lack of horizontal alignment on my tower. If Buzz can get his schedule arranged for this Thursday, he will give you all the particulars. I hope he has better luck getting QSL cards delivered than I have had. The 6D2YFM cards are lost in the mail – or so says PY2TNT – and the 7P8MJ cards are supposed to be in transit from Bulgaria.

That's the news. TDXS is out there, doing things and making contacts, which is what it's all about. How about you?

Madison W5MJ

## Texas QSO Party

Speaking of the Texas QSO Party, the official web page is [www.txqp.org](http://www.txqp.org). Check it out for details. The QSO Party is September 27th, 9AM to 9PM CDT and September 28th, 9AM to 3PM CDT. Henry, W5HNS reminds us all: ***Since we are in Texas, former sponsors of this event, and a contest club...we should be participating. And wouldn't it be fun to submit a decent club score and let the NARS bunch know they are not the only show in town.*** So make those Q's and turn them in for TDXS! ... ed.

## September's Program -- Go Digital -- The HF Digital Modes

Don Daze, N5DD, will be presenting "HF Digital Modes". As computers equipped with sound cards become cheaper and more powerful, many ham shacks already have the necessary hardware to operate the HF digital modes. Learn how you can become active on RTTY and on the newest digital modes!

### W5AC REUNION

**WHEN:** 12 Noon to 3 PM - Saturday, October 4, 2003  
**WHERE:** Belton, Texas (after the Belton Swapfest) at the OX BOW Steakhouse and Bar-B-Que in the "Sale Ring" The OX BOW is about 200 yards due east of the front door of the Belton Expo Center (site of the Swapfest). The address is 2801 IH 35. The "Sale Ring" is a private, event room, upstairs.  
**WHO:** Former and current students, faculty advisors and friends of W5AC.

#### STUFF TO KNOW:

- \* We will get together at Noon (all the good stuff has been swapped by then anyway) at the OX BOW.
- \* Ask for the "Sale Ring", the "A&M" or "W5AC" group.
- \* I need to get a head count for the restaurant, ASAP, if you will be there let me know by reply email.
- \* The OX Bow is the perfect place...I checked it out the last time I was in Belton. It is close to the Swapfest... just outside the parking lot. They serve good food... everything from barbecue and steaks to salads... I recommend the "Texas Chip" Pie. The prices are reasonable...they take credit cards...NO Checks...and cash.
- \* There will be separate checks...
- \* REMEMBER...LET ME KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, ASAP

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## **“DX Report by Ken – AB5A”**

Hello TDXS'ers. Sorry I missed the August report and meeting. Summer has its unique schedule conflicts. Besides, not a whole bunch of stuff happening in the DX world with a few exceptions mentioned below.

**CY9, St. Paul Island** A team of Americans (including of course one Canadian) activated this entity with an emphasis on the low bands and RTTY. Their callsign was CY9A. They had good signals on 160M and were easy to work in Texas. QSL via N5VL.

**VP2M, Montserrat** Joeseeph, VP2MX & Wayne, VP2MLE were worked in EL29 on 6M late in July. Although not rare it can be a good while between openings and operators to this DX entity for Texans. QSL VP2MX via N8QET & VP2MLE via K8LEE.

**V7 Marshall Islands and a new unnumbered IOTA** TDXS's very own Buzz, N5UR and John, W5RQ activated a new as yet numbered IOTA in the Marshall Islands. QSL both callsigns via N6AWD.

**IOTA NA-131 Nunavut East Centre group** Bruce, KD6WW activated an IOTA in the Nunavut territory. QSL via HC CBA.

**IOTA NA-039 Aleutian Islands: Adreanof Islands** David, W6BK activated an IOTA in the Aleutian chain. QSL via HC CBA.

**IOTA OC-025 Admiralty Islands** Vladimir, UA4WHX activated this IOTA using the callsign, P29VVB. QSL via UA4WHX.

**H40, Temotu Islands** Kazuo, P29KM was active as H40H from this entity for several days. QSL via P29KM.

**H44, Solomon Islands** Kazuo, P29KM was active as H44H from this entity for several days. QSL via P29KM.

**TZ Mali** A group of Spanish operators activated this entity as TZ6RD. They intended to operate the low bands but were rarely heard on the low bands. They were very active on the upper bands especially working EU. They were also on all modes including RTTY. QSL via EA4URE.

**Hundred others, DX** Go out there and find the DX and if necessary go somewhere at the end of the line with a radio and be DX. Just let us at TDXS know first.

73,  
Ken Eckel, AB5A