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## Time to Party !!!

### **TDXS December Christmas Party**

This years TDXS Christmas party will be held at Los Tios restaurant on Thursday, December 8. Los Tios will serve us a Mexican buffet which includes beef and chicken fajitas, all the traditional Mexican side dishes, tea and soft drinks. The cost for this extravaganza will be \$10.00 per person. The restaurant bar will be available, on a cash basis.

Date: Thursday, December 8

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Location: Los Tios

Address: 9527 Westheimer

Directions: Between Gessner and Fondren, on the south side of Westheimer. Behind the Firestone Tire store.

Cost: \$10 per person

As always, guests and visitors are encouraged.

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## New Members:

Recently Wayne Rogers, W5KDJ, Mack Arp, W5EET and John Cashen, W6KNC/VK4UC were elected members of TDXS.

**Wayne, W5KDJ**, is an avid CW Contester. His CW skills have been a great asset to DXpeditions that he has participated in with TDXS members.

**Mack, W5EET**, is a long time CW DXer who is reentering the hobby. Mack has a strong interest in DXing and Contesting.

**John, W6KNC / VK4UC**, is a long time contester and DXer, he has actively contested from both the US and VK, he has also operated from several Pacific islands and Africa. John has held leadership positions in the Southern California Contest Club, and one year he was responsible for running the Visalia DX convention.

If you haven't already met each of them, please introduce yourself to them at the Christmas party, or next TDXS function.

## “Happy Birthday” to the following TDXS members with December birthdays:

Arthur Alvarez - N5KTN

Mike Young - W5RRX

Sid Leach - K5XI

## The Prez Sez:

**Meetings.** Last month Bob Walworth, N5ET, showed us some really great pictures of his trip to the Scottish Isles, including activating St. Kilda and 4 other IOTAs.

The December meeting will be our Christmas party at Los Tios, and the January meeting will be our banquet.

**2006 Officers.** Elections were held at the November meeting. We now have four solid officers going into 2006.

President - Mike Davidson, N5MT

Vice President Programs - Arthur Alvarez - N5KTN

Vice President Membership - Steve Smothers, W9DX

Secretary/Treasurer - Bill Frink, K5WAF

Please give each of these guys your help and support!

**January Banquet.** The TDXS January banquet will be on January 14 [Saturday] at 6:30 pm. This year we are having it at Saltgrass Steakhouse, on I-10, a little bit closer-in than last year's location. I am still working on finalizing the menu and costs. We will have several menu choices, and each person can make their menu selection when they get there. A cash bar will be available. I expect to finalize menu and costs with the manager later this week. Check our web site for updates. I have been contacting a number of ham industry vendors and manufactures soliciting door prize contributions. Please send me an email to RSVP and let me know how many will be in your party.

### Looking Backward-

As outgoing President of the Texas DX Society, I would like to share my thoughts about our closing year with the membership.

2005 was a great year for TDXS and I would like to list some of the high points that come to my mind.

**Meetings.** In 2005 we had a prepared speaker at almost every meeting. Topics included FO0AAA Clipperton DXpedition, VP8WWW Falklands DXpedition, Pursuing DXCC from Greece, Alinco and Operating from the Mid East, Knots for Field Day, TenTec and Software Defined Radio, WinLink, WriteLog Contesting Software, Contesting from Grand Cayman (ZF1A), and St. Kilda and 4 IOTAs in 2 weeks. I would like to thank WF5W, W5PF, W5MJ, N4AL, KW5O, W4PA, AD8A, WX5D, W5ASP and N5ET for making these great presentations.

**Membership.** We grew with 3 new TDXS members approved by the membership this year. Mack Arp, W5EET; John Cashen, W6KNC/VK4UC; and Wayne Rogers, W5KDJ are new TDXSers.

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**Member Accomplishments.** Several of our members reached significant DX milestones this year. Earl Cunningham, N6SE, Mike Hance, K5NZ, Cal White, WF5W and Paul Frantz, W5PF, made DXCC Honor Roll. Bob Walworth, N5ET made DXCC on 80 meters, and Bruce Meier, N1LN, achieved DXCC on 160 meters.

**Web Site.** W9DX has continued to do a tremendous job on our web site. The content is always posted promptly and kept current. If you haven't check the site recently, take a look, there's always something new.

**Ham Com.** TDXS had another successful raffle ticket sale at Ham Com. Thanks to W5MJ, N5MT, N4AL, KG5U and KC5DJI for a great job manning the TDXS booth at HamCom, and W5SJS with printing tickets. Thanks to all who purchased raffle tickets, and special thanks to those who purchased many raffle tickets. Lee Kinard, K5AVY, was especially thankful, as he won the FT-857D. Also at Ham Com, TDXS supported, and was represented at, the LSDXA DX Luncheon.

**Field Day.** TDXS set up for Field Day at W5BXX's beach house in Surf Side. With advance antenna work by W5MJ and W9DX. This year the weather was great, our planning was extensive, however we sustained several attacks from Mr. Murphy. Ending up with 3 antennas destroyed or non-functional, one generator not working, and networking issues with the logging software. But, we kept the momentum going until the final bell, running class 2A, with a CW station, SSB station, satellite station, 6 meter station, natural power station, and a very active GOTA station. We made a total of 2,055 QSOs, earning 6,580 points. Many fine operators, including AC5K, K5WAF, KC5DJI, N4AL, N5DD, N5ET, N5KTN, N5MT, VK4UC, W0MM, W0MYL W5BXX, W5MJ, W9DX, WB5TUF, K1DDO, contributed to our score.

Total attendance was up, we saw a few people who we hadn't see at Field Day before, and everyone had a great time. We didn't make quite as many QSOs, or total points, as last year, due to being further down the solar cycle trough and the visits from Mr. Murphy. We would not have been as successful as we were with our the help and effort of everyone involved, especially from our Field Day captain, Bill Frink.

**DXpeditions.** Several TDXS members operated from exotic locations this year. Greece SV0JB by N4AL. Swaziland 3DA0CF by K5LBU. Grand Cayman ZF1A by W5ASP. Scotland and IOTAs (St Kilda, Skye and Scalpay) by N5ET, Thanks for putting these on the air so we could work them.

**Sad Losses.** Tragically, in 2005 we lost long time TDXSer Macky Marshall, KV5S.

Hats off to all who helped make 2005 a great year for TDXS, especially our 2005 secretary, Laurent Thomin, W0MM, and treasurer, Bill Frink, K5WAF. If I've neglected to list any additional accomplishments please forgive me.

73

Don, N5DD

**From the TDXS Archives:**



**Contesting from XE2FU - Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, 1984 (courtesy of KN5H)  
(l to-r): Dennis Motschenbacher -KZ5M (now K7BV), Frank Montgomery - W5JWM,  
Bob King Sr. - K5IY, Bob King Jr. - NM5L, Bill Schrader - K2TNO, and Chuck Coleman  
- K5LZO (SK).**