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St. Kilda and 4 other IOTA's

Thursday, November 10th, 7:00PM at the Tracy Gee Center



Bob Walworth, N5ET, will speak about "Operating From 5 Separate IOTAs in Two Weeks". Bob operated from EU-005, 008, 010, 059 and 123. including the rare IOTA St Kilda [EU-059]. St Kilda, a Scottish National Heritage site is a highly controlled access island with ongoing archeological digging, and very limited access to outsiders. And to stay overnight, 24 hours, almost a no no. Interesting place and most of the talk will center in St Kilda.

Bob was first licensed in '75 as WN5LVC, which changed to WB5 after getting his General. Got his Extra in '79 and was issued AK5B. Changed call in '96 to have his Dad's old call N5ET. Bob lived in Beaumont and started DX'ing in '79. His XYL, Linda, KA5FUI (now KE5TF) is #1 Honor Roll, both joined the TDXS in '82. Member numbers 94 and 95. Bob was TDXS President for two terms, in '97-'98. He has earned #1 DXCC CW and Mixed (need 3 on phone), 5B DXCC, and 900+ IOTA islands.

Dinner before the Meeting at Luther's, Westheimer and S. Gessner, 6:00PM. As always, guests and visitors are welcome!

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Last month's attendance, de Laurent W0MM:

N4AL, N5DD, W0MM, W5ASP, K5WAF, WB5KTI, K5LBU, W5GCX, W5KDJ, N5UR, N5KTN, WB5TUF, N5ET, WD5KCX, K5GN, W5PR.

Two items from Cal, WF5W:

SKN Houston Style - next to last time this year before Best Fist of the year is nominated... 8 November, Tuesday night 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM 3550 + or - .

5th annual Tomball Field Day 11 November 6 PM to 12 November 6 PM. Behind Step by Step school on Cherry St. Tomball, Come help set up at 3 PM if you can. On Saturday the 12th if you have junk (treasure), bring a table and trade it. Still need operators so come by.. Blue Bell and NM5G's Cinnamon rolls will be on the Menu at Midnight Friday night ..

See you there....

TDXS Calendar

December 8, TDXS Christmas party, 6:30 pm, Los Tios, 9527 Westheimer Road. [\$10/person]

January 14, TDXS Banquet

The Prez Sez:

Meetings. Last month Joe Staples, W5ASP, gave an impressive talk about the station he operates from in Grand Cayman, and the effects of Hurricane Ivan to the station and the island. He included some interesting photos of a large log periodic, a sailboat mast used as an antenna tower, and the devastation of the storm.

This month, Bob Walworth, N5ET, will speak to us about his IOTA exploits.

The December meeting will be our Christmas party at Los Tios.

TDXS Constitution. Bill Frink, K5WAF, and I have been drafting some proposed changes to the TDXS Constitution. Generally, the changes clarify the roles of the various elected and appointed positions in the club. Most significantly, we are proposing combining of the Sectary and Treasurer positions. This way the same individual will be keeping both the attendance and due payment records. Also, we are proposing splitting the vice President responsibilities into two jobs: 1) programs, and 2) membership. These changes were discussed, and favorably received at the September and October meetings, they will be voted on at the November 10 meeting. If anyone would like a copy of the proposed changes, please send an email to Bill or myself.

2006 Officers. We have a nomination slate of solid candidates for Sectary/Treasurer, Vice President-Membership, and Vice President-Programs. We are still looking for a good Presidential candidate. It surprises me that this position is being filled last, since the other positions do all the hard work, and the President simply presides over the meetings and oversees the activities of the society. This is your chance to shape the direction and focus of our great organization! Additional nominations, or volunteers, will be taken for any office through the next meeting, voting will be at the November 10 meeting.

For TDXS to continue to function as a club it is very important that we have a President. Please think about what ham radio and TDXS has meant to you, and consider serving in this essential role.

Christmas Party. The TDXS Christmas party will be on December 8 [Thursday]. Los Tios will serve a Mexican buffet which will include beef and chicken fajitas and all the traditional Mexican side dishes, tea and soft drinks. A cash bar will be available. Cost to members and guests will be \$10 per person. Los Tios is located at 9527 Westheimer, between Gessner and Fondren, it is on the south side of Westheimer, behind the Firestone Tire shop. Starting time is 6:30 pm, see you there!

January Banquet. The TDXS January banquet will be on January 14 [Saturday evening]. I am working on some significant door prizes. I am still trying to keep this in the same price range as last year [\$30/head], however that is proving difficult. If anyone has a suggestion for a banquet venue, or would like to help in planning the banquet please contact me.

73,
Don, N5DD