



# THE BULLSHEET

Official News Bulletin of the  
Texas DX Society  
An ARRL Affiliated Club

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The Texas DX Society, P.O. Box 540291, Houston, TX 77254-0291

## October Meeting is Thursday October 13 Contesting from Grand Cayman

**Joe Staples, W5ASP**, will speak about contesting from Grand Cayman, ZF1AWPX CW 2005, including photos showing the station before, right after and during hurricane Ivan.

Joe has forever been an ardent contester, and is currently chairman of the A.R.R.L. Contest Advisory Committee.

Date: Thursday, October 13

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: Tracey Gee Community Center

Address: 3599 Westcenter Drive

Directions: One block east of Beltway 8, between Richmond and Westpark.

Dinner before the meeting

TDXS members will meet for eats before the meeting, please join us!

Date: Thursday, October 13

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Location: Le Madeline

Address: 10001 Westheimer, at Briar Park  
In the Carillion Center.

As always, guests and visitors to be encouraged.

## Upcoming Meeting Schedule

November 10, TDXS meeting, Tracey Gee at 7:00 pm.

December 8, TDXS Christmas party, 6:30 pm, Los Tios, 9527 Westheimer Road.

January 14, TDXS Banquet

## Texas DX Society Officers

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## Last Month's Attendance:

W5PF, W5EET, WD5KCX, N5ET, KE5TF, W5BXX, N5DD, W5XD, W5MJ, N5KTN, W9DX,  
W5JWM, W6KNC, K5WAF, N5UR, K5LBU, N5MT, W5KDJ, K5UO, W5SG.

**73 de Laurent W0MM**

## Field Day in November de Cal WF5W/MM

Its almost Field day time in Tomball... Looking at the first week end Saturday (November 5th) to hold the annual Field day here. Why in November instead of June? As K5IHK so aptly advised, because the bands were too busy in June... So. keep an eye out for e mail regarding specifics.

W5PF and I missed our TQP trip to Miami, Texas (four county lines, one call) to stay home and deal with Rita. Guess we should have gone anyway...

K7C kept lots of folks busy, but thats about all for the month. The Sailing vessel, Sea Pumpkin/mm (W5PF, WF5W & three non-ham owners) back in business, no harm from Rita. Back stay will be insulated for added antenna shortly.

## OK1FAI and OK8AGG - A Lasting Friendship through Amateur Radio

In 1989, a few months before the “Velvet Revolution” of Vaclav Havel which set Czechoslovakia free of Communist rule, and before the creation of the Czech Republic and Slovakia, I became friends with “Vasek” Svoboda, OK1FAI. Vasek and his family live about 50 miles east of Prague (“Praha”) in Kolin.

After a few letters and phone calls, Vasek offered to sponsor me as a visiting ham, and the result was my license, OK8AGG (see QSL). The Svobodas met us at the Prague airport and treated us (my wife, Tippy, went along) exactly like family, or better.

Vasek and his friends provided a 15 mtr beam, a QTH, and lots of good friendship washed down with Czech beer for a terrific experience for ARRL DX Phone in 1989.

Since then, we have remained good friends, and our son, Paul (N5HFG), has visited with Vasek and his family in Prague. Every few months, and especially on my birthday, I hear from Vasek (a retired robotics engineer for TECO Tesla). Please listen for OK1FAI on CW.

**73, Jim, nn5o/OK8AGG, et al.**



**CZECHOSLOVAKIA**  
(NEAR KOLIN)

# OK8AGG

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OTHER CALLS: GU8/NN5O, ZF2JK, Q8/NN5O, FP6HXP, VK2CCJ, E12VNO, KB5CA, WB5FNQ, WB6BHN/WO1, WA6KCK, WV6KCK

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Vasek, OK1FAI, today, wearing his new TDXS shirt.

## Prez Sez... de Don, N5DD

**Meetings.** Last month Wayne Wright, W5XD, gave a very interesting talk about Writelog and CW decoding algorithms.

This month, Joe Staples, W5ASP, will talk to us about his operation from ZF1A, and in particular about the effects to Grand Cayman when it was hit by Ivan.

I am still finalizing the agenda for our November meeting, if you have a suggestion for a topic or speaker, please let me know.

**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 meeting, they will be voted on at the October 13 meeting. If anyone is interested in 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.

**Christmas Party.** The TDXS Christmas party will be on December 8 [Thursday]. Since last years party at Los Tios was so well received, I have made reservations there for this year. For those who missed last year, Los Tios served up the Mexican buffet which includes 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.

**January Banquet.** The TDXS January banquet will be on January 14 [Saturday evening]. I am working on a keynote speaker and 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