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Annual TDXS Christmas Party -- Thursday December 14th



The annual Christmas party will be held at Los Tios Mexican Restaurant, 9527 Westheimer, the same place as last year. Social Hour begins at 5:30PM and dinner orders will be placed by 6:30. There will be separate gift exchanges for the guys and gals. See The Prez Sez for details. There is a map and further details on the TDXS web site www.tdxs.org. Special guest speaker, Warren N5CJQ will speak about recent RFI/BPL problems in Houston. Bring cash to settle your dinner bill. Bring your spouse, kids, or invite a guest for a fun filled social night with great food & drink.

TDXS Election of Officers 2007

Here are the results of the election for 2007 TDXS Officers:

President

Mike Davidson, N5MT	21	Charles Frost, K5BLU	7
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VP Membership

Steve Smothers, W9DX	24	Ed Gerber, W5GCX	4
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VP Programs

Madison Jones, W5MJ	28		
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Secretary/Treasurer

Keith Dutson NM5G	28		
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Congratulations to the new officers.

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TDXS Reflector: To subscribe to the TDXS reflector, go to
<http://moonbounce.n5iq.org/mailman/listinfo/tdxx-list>

TDXS Members' Notes

WF5W Cal says "Gonna start the new year right. The hy gain hy tower is up and running on all but 160 (new coil is on the ups as we write this) think it's going to be a fire cracker . The Steppir 3 el. 6/40 is sitting in the barn awaiting a new tower ,still to be purchased. Oiled up the GHD and waiting for SKN to do it right for the end of the year.

TDXSers in The News

Be sure to check out the following publications for news of TDXS Dxpediton activity:

December World Radio -- The Belize Glass Arm Dxpediton is the Cover Story

December CQ Magazine -- N4AA Carl Smith's dx column has a photo and mention of the YN2EJ CQWWSSB contest operation on P. 85.

December Birthdays

TDXS wishes "Happy Birthday" to following members born in December:

Arthur Alvarez - N5KTN

Mike Young - W5RRX

Sid Leach - K5XI

The Prez Sez de Mike N5MT

The ARRL Ten Meter contest ended today and we had some good times with better than expected propagation due to a solar flare which pushed up the solar flux this past week. The flux is above 100 for the first time in many weeks and this helped keep ten meters open for more hours this past weekend. I worked the contest about half CW and half SSB for a total contact of 287. I found 48 states and 32 countries both modes. On CW, I worked 131 contacts 23 states and 11 countries. My total points were about 67K.

I heard from Chuck W5PR and he reported 995 contacts all SSB, with 51 states and 30 countries. His total points were about 161K. This was down from his 1618 contacts and more countries last year. Chuck reported NO Europeans or Asian contacts unlike last year where he worked a few dozen. Since this is the bottom of this Solar Cycle 23, the contest next year should have a higher flux and we should look forward to better propagation than this year. Solar Cycle 24 should start about the beginning of 2007 but it takes a six month average of the solar flux numbers to say when the beginning has officially started, so stay tuned.

The TDXS Christmas Party is going to be at Los Tios 9527 Westheimer on December 14th which is the regular second Thursday meeting night in December. The meeting will be at the Mexican restaurant like it was last year and we have a speaker plus the gift exchange for both guys and gals.

The speaker will be Warren N5CJQ who many old members remember from past years as he won one of the TDXS Grand Prizes at one of the Houston Hamventions. Warren will be talking to us about his filing a complaint with the FCC for interference from Broadband Power Lines BPL. We will have a few pictures to show.

The dinner at Los Tios will be order off the menu and have the waiter keep track of your ticket and drink items. Last year, it was an accounting problem when we tried to keep it all on one bill. I do not want that this time, our treasurer will not be there to keep the books. So plan on the 15% getting added to all the tickets.

The gift exchange will be for good gifts \$10-20 range. If you can keep the gift to something electronic related that would be fine and WRAP it. Ladies gift does not have to be electronic and they can figure out what they want and act accordingly. Anyway, we will have two exchanges, one for the guys and one for ladies.

Here are the rules. You will get a ticket out of a box, you bring a gift you get a ticket, etc. Lets assume the guys go first: Lowest number starts by taking a gift from the guy pile of gifts. Its opened and everyone sees the gift. Next lowest number gets to either take the first gift OR take from the guy pile of gifts. If a gift is taken, that person will then go back to the guy gift pile and take another to replace what was taken. Its opened and everyone sees the gift. Next number gets to take either one of the opened gifts OR for from the pile of guy gifts. This continues until the highest number gets to take a gift OR goes for the last gift from the pile. Let's limit the number of takes to one or two and we can decide that Thursday night. Too many takes will take too much time.

The ladies can do the same exchange for a ladies gift once the guys get their toys. Ladies cannot take one of the guy gifts once that exchange is finished! I will have more numbers for the ladies to draw etc. If a lady wants to be in with the guy gifts that is OK. It's flexible. If you wife wants to be represented but can not be there, bring the ladies gift and play the game for her. It's flexible. But no cross gift pool swaps during the exchange. If you want to swap after we're finished, that's fine you are on your own.

Congratulations to the new officers of TDXS. All of the appointments for board members have not yet been completed and selection of these board members will follow.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you Thursday night.

TDXS Recent Claimed Contest Scores:

Thanks to Steve W9DX and the TDXS Web site for the following information:

ARRL 160m Contest, Dec 2006

Call	Category	Q's	Sections	DX	Points
W5PF (Paul)	SO/LP	142	54	5	16,146
W5PR (Chuck)	M/S-HP	348	70	9	57,117
WF5W (Cal)	SO/LP	150	44	1	13,635
K5NA (Richard)	SO/HP	1416	76	26	313,038
K6SE (Earl)	SO/HP	528	71	7	90,558

ARRL 10m Contest - Dec 2006:

Call	Category	Q's	States	Prov	DX	Mults	Points
WF5W (Cal)	SO/LP CW only	71	10	4	8	22	6,248
N4AL (Jim)	SO/LP CW only	89	28	4	12	44	15,664
W5PR (Chuck)	SO/HP SSB only	995	50		30		161,000
KG5U (Dale)	SO/QRP CW only	276	54				58,752
K5NZ (Mike)	SO/HP Mixed	758	123				284,868
N1LN (Bruce)	SO/LP CW only	69	28				7,728
W7RN (K5RC & W7VI)	MO/HP Mixed	1019	119				400,554
KV7DX (Steve KN5H)	SO/HP Mixed	1479	151				628,764
N5ZK (Joe W5ASP)	SO/HP CW only	216	56				48,608
K6SE (Earl)	SO/HP CW only	109	33				14,388
N5MT (Mike)	SO/HP Mixed	287	48		32		67,000

CQWW CW - Nov 2006

Call	Category	Q's	QSO Pts	Zones	Cty	Points
WF5W (Cal)	SOAB/LP	325	821	20	80	195,398
N5DD (Don)	SOAB/HP	125	355	47	96	50,765
N5EA (Tom)	SOAB/LP	153	428	41	99	59,920
W5PR (Chuck)	SOAB/HP	89	234	51	77	29,952
K5NZ (Mike)	SOAB/HP	313	883	64	156	183,260
K5NA (Richard)	SOAB/HP(A)	1,228	3,318	185	625	2,687,580