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

TDXS Winter Banquet Saturday January 14th

The banquet will be held at Saltgrass Steakhouse. For the entree, you can have your choice of Pat's Ribeye, Texas T-Bone, Hickory Chicken, Maudeen's Center Cut Filet, or BBQ Baby Back Ribs. Included are salad, bread, side dish, desert, and tea, soda or coffee. The price is \$30 per person, including tax and tip. Alcoholic beverages may be purchased from the bar.

I have been working with several ham industry manufactures and vendors to obtain a number of door prizes. We have lots of both Ham and XYL type door prizes. The only way not to win is not to be there! We will use a process of drawing the two types of prizes similar to the one used at the HamCom DX Luncheon. There will be two bowls, one for "OM" tickets, and one for "XYL" tickets. Before the drawings begin, make sure you have placed your red door prize ticket in the appropriate bowl. First, the XYL prizes will be awarded based on tickets drawn from the XYL bowl. After all of the XYL prizes have been awarded, the tickets will be combined. All of the XYL tickets [including those already awarded XYL prizes] will be mixed in with the OM tickets. Then, the ham prizes will be awarded based on tickets drawn from the combined bowl. In all cases, if you win a Ham door prize, donated by an outside donor, I request that send a thank you note to the donor. There is a yellow tag on each prize with the name and email, or contact info, of the donor. This is important in preserving the reputation of TDXS, and, to make sure that future requests from TDXS are looked upon favorably.

The list of Prize Donors includes: Bob Heil, K9EID; The Daily DX; DX Magazine; DX Videos (9V1YC); Houston Amateur Radio Supply; Icom; Kenwood; National Contest Journal; Tennydyne; TenTec; Vibroplex; W4MPY The QSL Man and World Radio. **The only way not to win is not to be there!**

Be at the Saltgrass Steak House at 6:30 PM, Saturday January 14. The address is 8943 Katy Freeway. Directions: From 610 west, take I-10 west 3.7 miles, exit Blalock/Campbell and u-turn under freeway. From Beltway 8, take I-10 east 2.9 miles, exit Bingle/Voss. Saltgrass is on south side of service road.

Bring your spouse, and as always, guests and visitors are welcome at our banquet. Please check our web site for a complete menu and other late breaking details. <http://www.tdxs.org/Banquet.html>

Please RSVP and let me know how many will be in your party. de Don, N5DD

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TDXS Events and News:

Outgoing QSLs: Buzz, N5UR, reminds all members to bring their outgoing QSLs, SORTED and with a QST label to the TDXS Banquet. He plans a big mailing immediately thereafter.

9H - Malta DXpedition: A meeting was held on Jan. 8th to make final plans. Equipment and antennas were weighed and distributed to team members to comply with the current baggage allowances. The villa lease has been arranged and all members have purchased their plane tickets. A final get together is planned for Feb. 12th.

IOTA - Bash: March 17 and 18 in Boerne, TX. Information can be found on the IREF web site www.islandradio.org.

SKN Travelling Trophy: On January 20th the First Annual SKN Houston Style travelling trophy will be presented at the NARS annual banquet. The trophy is a Christmas Straight Key on a plaque that can be used on the bench. For the year 2005: 28 participants including several TDXS members are in the central SKN Houston Style log.

C9 Mozambique DXpedition: June 29 to July 13 - Frosty, K5LBU is still looking for 2 or 3 additional participants for this trip. Check www.africandxsafari.com for details.

Death notice: Byron Thomas "Tom" Pevoto - K5TP (ex- AA5VK), September 23, 1939 - May 31, 2004
TDXS member # 67, joined TDXS in 1979.

Field Day 2006: To help with your planning for Field Day 2006, Tom Taormina, K5RC, has sent the following information:



Who: All of those who participated in the Great Armadillo Run of 1986, Celebrating the Texas Sesquicentennial, those who worked any TDXS Member in any Armadillo Run and those who want to share some fellowship with the old Rowdies of the TDXS

Where: K5RC and K7AFO's MT Nest Ranch,
Virginia City Nevada

When: Field Day Weekend, 2006 (June 23-25, 2006)

Please join us to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Great Armadillo Run of 1986. Celebrate one of the most outrageous operating events ever undertaken where the Texas DX Society attempted to activate every county in the USA over two weekends. We will set up a "gentleman's" Field-Day operation on the ten-acre Ranch, using RV's and existing antennas. Operating is incidental to the fellowship.

Please mark your calendars. Details about accommodations and activities will be posted on www.consultpr.com/Armadillo.htm as the details are worked out.