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2007 TDXS Christmas Party

Thursday December 13th, 6:00 PM



The 2007 TDXS Christmas Party will be held at the law offices of W5PR & W5MJ on Thursday December 13th. Address: 212 Stratford Street, (2 blocks north of Westheimer) just south of downtown Houston. Festivities will start at 6 PM. \$10/person plus bring your favorite beverage if you want anything stronger than a soda. Sodas will be provided. TDXS will arrange for parking permits. **Plan to attend and bring your family!**

Please RSVP to W5MJ or W5PR so we can get an accurate headcount. For a map to the festivities please go to <http://www.tdxs.org/Christmas.html>

Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader?

Transmitting antennas and towers for Senior Members of our Hobby...

This is a thought provoking article written by Cal White WF5W. It highlights some of the things you should consider as you enter the "golden years" of hamming. Cal's article is now online at www.tdxs.net/5thGrader.html, or click the link in the TDXS homepage calendar box.

Contest Calendar

Dec. 15 Croatian RTTY
Dec. 29 RAC Winter Contest
Dec. 29-30 Stew Perry Top Band
Jan. 1 ARRL Straight Key Night
Jan. 5-6 ARRL RTTY Roundup
Jan. 12-13 NAQP CW

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

2008 TDXS Dues are Due

2008 TDXS dues of \$25 are now payable. Make all checks payable to TDXS and send to Bill Frink, K5WAF.

December Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following TDXS Members with December Birthdays:

Arthur Alvarez - N5KTN

Mike Young - W5RRX

Sid Leach - K5XI

From the TDXS Archives:

Ten years ago this month TDXS President Bob Walworth was wrapping things up for the year and hoping a real P5 operation was coming. Kenny Grabenstein had just recieved his new KZ5KG callsign, Ron Marosko Jr NN5DX was in the midst of moving to Castle Rock, CO for a new job. Lon Cottingham K5JV and Martha were hosting the TDXS Christmas Party. Jim Lane, N5DC made a report on DXAC doings, and the criteria for country deletion such as Fernando de Noronha, Kure, and Southern Sudan. DX Chairman Buzz Jehle N5UR was reporting on the really hot band conditions on 10-15 meters!

The Prez Sez:

The November meeting at the Tracy Gee Center started as usual with twenty TDXS members in attendance and several guest. The program was being put on by the team that went to the British Virgin Islands earlier this year.

We had a short DX report from Cal WF5W and a report on the club assets that had been stored with Bob W4SJS. Thanks to the club members that went out to Bob Burns place to help Cal bring this equipment back to Houston. Cal took a good inventory of our club assets and we had determined which of these items we wanted to keep for future field day events and DXpeditions. The equipment that was voted excess or obsolete was then offered for sale to club members. Most all of the excess has been sold and a nice check has been given to the treasurer to put into the TDXS general fund. A few items have been moved to Keith's NM5G for storage and safe keeping. Thanks to Keith for the storage space and a big thanks to Bob Burns for the storage of these assets for many years.

The next major piece of business was the nominations of officers for 2008. I have been president for two years and was hoping that someone wanted to take the job. Looking back at a listing of past presidents, there has never been a three term TDXS president. But one member has been president for a total of three years, Wes Whiddon N5WW who served as our 2nd Pres and 9th Pres for two years. I was hoping to not break this two year tradition, and we had a nomination for Pres for Steve Smothers W9DX. We had a nominations of: VP Programs for Cal White WF5W, VP Membership for Paul Frantz W5PF and Treasurer for Bill Frink K5WAF. The discussion was brief, nominations were closed and approved by all present. So there will be no ballots sent out.

The planning for the Christmas party and the Yearly Banquet were discussed. Thanks to Madison W5MJ and Chuck W5PR who came up the idea for our December Christmas party to be held at their law office. A motion was made for each person to pay a \$10 fee to cover a portion of the cost of the eats for the party. Anyone wanting to bring wine or harder stuff can do so, as there will be ice for cold drinks etc. I think the food will be handled by a Mexican Café. There will be a parking adventure for those not taking the bus. You will need a parking PASS to put on your car so it does not get towed by the city since you will be parking on the street. Please pick up your parking PASS at 212 Stratford Street and put it on your car. The Christmas party location is two blocks for Westheimer and Bagby. More info is at the website, look under the Calendar: find TDXS Christmas Party and click on it for a map.

The Yearly Banquet will be at the Steak & Ale at 2425 Mangum Rd. at 290. We have changed the date of the banquet from January 12th to Saturday the 26th. So if anyone is apposed to this date change, get your request in at the Christmas party, else the banquet is January 26th. We will be ordering off the regular menu the night of the banquet and if you run a drink tab, that will be no problem, etc. We will be in a room to ourselves, so I would like to know how many are coming so we can have the tables set. Please email your RSVP to N5MT@aol.com with a count of who will be coming.

Steve W9DX has been working with the NARS club in putting together a reception for the ARRL board of directors during their meeting here in Houston. The date is January 19th at the Marriott Greenspoint Hotel in the late afternoon. Final details have just been worked out, so look for the latest information on the TDXS website shortly. The club voted to go into this project with NARS and TDXS splitting the cost for the event.

The speakers at our meeting were Cal WF5W and the BVI team of Bill K5WAF, Bob WB5IUU, Paul W5PF and Nancy WZ8C who was not present. The show lasted about twenty minutes plus and was a very top notch presentation so thanks to Bob WB5IUU for shooting and editing the video. Thanks to Buzz N5UR for the loan of the projector which we rely upon for showing these video programs.

Please come out and have a good party with us on Thursday the 13th of December, as the short meeting will take place at the Christmas party starting at 6 pm. So please come out and support your TDXS club and meet a few of the old members that are going to be present.

C91KDJ Recap de Wayne W5KDJ



This is the Shack



I had minimal props on 160 or 80M with the vertical but it worked great on 30M. I worked 59 stations on 160M and 8,511 on ALL the other bands thru 10M. My total was 8,570 contacts 1606 RTTY & the rest CW.

This photo is 40M RTTY at about 6:30 AM.



Log Periodic Ant (LPA) 20-10M, 4 Square for 40M, 72' Vertical in back ground for 160\80\10M all furnished by "AfricianDXSafari". ZS6JR (Dan) is the equipment custodian/Technician.

SVDA in Gaelic de Jim NN50/EI2VNO

A picture is worth more than my words, but being there last Saturday in the major gale was a lot more than a picture. SVDA is a Switchable Vertical Dipole Array and it tested out an average of 2 S-units (12 dB) higher than the 5/8 vertical on the water on 20 SSB. But Mother Nature didn't give a damn!



Lest you have any doubts that Murphy is an Irishman....ed.

TDXS Claimed Scores

CQ WW CW	QSOs	Zones	Countries	Score
C91KDJ	1560			1,180,950
KL7CQ (N5XZ et al)	1305	55	87	418,190
K5EWJ	403	81	185	285,950
W5PF	133	53	96	52,001

ARRL 160M	QSOs	Secs	Countries	Score
W5PR	317	73	15	60,016
K5EWJ	232	58	7	31,525
WF5W	200	44	5	23,400

ARRL 10M	CW	SSB	Mults	Score
W5PR		1862	58	215,992
W5PF	269	245	64	100,224
KG5U (QRP)	382		37	64,344
K5EWJ	332		42	55,944
K5LBU		615	39	47,970

Editor's Note: These are the scores that were posted on the TDXS reflector or that I could find on 3830. I know there were more that participated in these contests, please remember to post your scores so they can be included in the Bullsheat.