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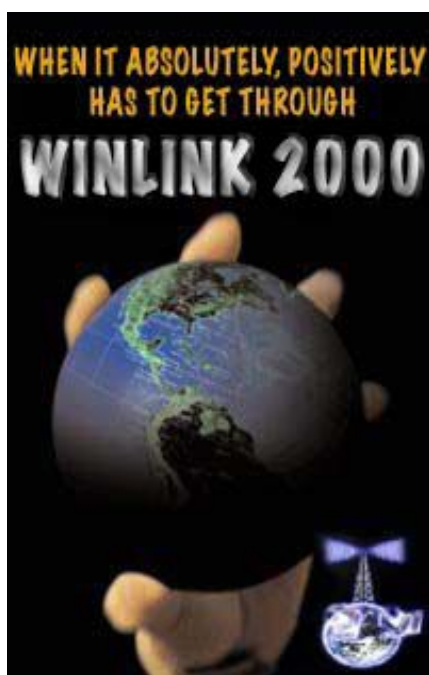
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The Texas DX Society, P.O. Box 540291, Houston, TX 77254-0291

February Meeting - Thursday the 8th - 7:00 PM **WinLink 2000 and Emergency Communcations - Joey W5BAK**

Joey Clements will give a presentation on Win Link 2000 and how this system is used in the Houston area to provide Emergency Communications. Come see how this mode is being utilized and area and see what you can do with your old packet TNC and a spare VHF radio.

The meeting is at the Tracey Gee Center, 3599 Westcenter Drive, Houston, TX 77042, and will begin at 7:00PM. The pre meeting dinner will be at Pappas BBQ at S. Gessner and Westheimer starting around 5:30PM.



WinLink 2000 in Harris County

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February Birthdays

TDXS wishes "Happy Birthday" to these members with February Birthdays:

Dave Blaschke - W5UN	James Clark - N5RO	Fred DeVoto - K5FP
Bob Cooney - K1TU	Mike Bragassa - K5UO	James Parnell - W5JAW
Charles Frost - K5LBU	Bob Moorman - K5VMX	Don Butler - N5LZ
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Thinking of going mobile for the next TQP? Heck, why not bring the whole shack??



Tnx W9DX

The Prez Sez, de Mike N5MT “ A Review of the 2007 Banquet “

We will have a programs on February 8th at the Tracey Gee Center by Joey Clements W5BAK. The power-point presentation will be on WinLink 2000. Come find out what it is going on with WinLink in the Houston area and see what you can do with your old packet TNC and a spare VHF radio.

Welcome back to Madison Jones W5MJ/VU3JMB who was traveling to a first time DX convention on the VU7 Lakshadweep Islands from January 15-25, 2007. This DX convention was similar to the VU4 Andaman Islands activities last year. The big activity planned for VU7 was having three stations active from different islands to give VU7RG out to the world! At times propagation was slim to none unless you could hear them on twenty meters in the mornings and sometimes long path. I actually heard Madison one morning about ten minutes after I worked them on phone with a 55 signal on my four element yagi.

Do not forget to update your DXCC credits at the ARRL. There is a deadline in March for making the Honor Roll listing later in the year.

I wanted to document the details of the 2007 TDXS Banquet held at the SaltGrass Steak House, so here is most of the summary.

Welcome to the 37th year of the Texas DX Society. I am Mike Davidson N5MT your TDXS President for 2007. Let me introduce the other officers for 2007. Vice President of Membership and Webmaster is Steve Smothers W9DX. Vice President of Programs is Madison Jones who is traveling in India and not with us tonight. Good luck in working him from VU7. Secretary/Treasurer is Keith Dutson NM5G. DX Pediton Chairman is Cal White WF5W. Communications Chairman is Paul Frantz W5PF. Repeater Chairman Glenn Anderson WB5TUF is not with us tonight. The two remaining board appointed positions are Contest Chairman and Field Day Chairman are still to be appointed.

The first announcement for 2007 is your dues are now due, please give your \$25 check to Keith NM5G. Since there was no set fee for the dinner tonight, please get your dues paid before the end of the month.

Over the past thirty five years of TDXS, we have voted in 169 members to our Society. This past year we voted in five new members. They are Keith NM5G, Doug Seyler WB5TKI, Max Maxwell K5PP, Bob Mennell WB5IUU and the last one is Eddy Reynolds K5WQG. In 2005 we had three new members, Mack Arp W5EET, Wayne Rogers W5KDJ and John Cashen W6KNC.

We have been fortunate that during 2006, none of our members became a Silent Key. The last SK member I could find was Mac Marshall KV5S on May 11, 2005. In 2004 we lost Butch Barber K5GB and Tom Pevoto K5TP.

The TDXS is a proud sponsor of two contest plaques. The ARRL Int. DX Contest World Single Op Low Power is a K5DX memorial plaque. The NAQP Multi Op North America CW is the other. We have sponsored the ARRL plaque since 2004 and the NAQP since 2005. Do I have a motion for us to sponsor both plaques for 2007? The cost is about \$67 per plaque. I heard a motion and it was seconded. The vote was yes all around.

Prez Sez cont'd.

DXPeditions from 2006 and what might happen in 2007

March 1-8th. Malta 9H3 by eight TDXS operators: Cal WF5W, Paul W5PF, Don N5DD, Madison W5MJ, Steve W9DX, Bill K5WAF, Mike K5UO and Keith NM5G. This was the first time TDXS sponsored some of the expenses for a society DXpedition using some the Topp donation to promote DXing.

September 6-13th. Straight Key DXpedition to Belize by Cal WF5W, Eddy K5WQG, Bob WB5IUU and Nancy WZ8C, a non-member. This was the second TDXS partial sponsored DXpedition using Topp funds.

October 25-30th. Nicaragua DXpedition for the DX contest by Ed W5GCX, Mike K5UO and Frosty K5LBU. This was the third TDXS partial sponsored DXpedition using Topp funds.

January 15-25, 2007. VU7RG by Madison W5MJ/VU3JMB. This was the fourth TDXS partial sponsored by Topp funds.

We had two other DXpeditions that were not sponsored by TDXS. Frosty took a group of operators to Mozambique from June 29 to July 13th. Jim Carmody took himself to Ireland EI2VNO from October 24-29th for the CQWW DX Phone contest.

DXCC - The premier operating award in all of Amateur radio.

The basic award requires one hundred countries out of the 337 available. You can get your certificate for CW, Phone, Mixed and RTTY. The DXCC Honor Roll is awarded when you have confirmed withing ten countries of all current DXCC entities, which is presently 337. So you need 327 for Honor Roll. The #1 DXCC Honor Roll, like my pen, is awarded to persons that have confirmed all the DXCC entities. At least 27 TDXS members are on the Honor Roll. At least 17 TDXS members have 5 Band DXCC. At least 11 members have #1 Honor Roll.

They are as follows:

Our first president Richard King K5NA worked 367 entities and 2888 on the Challenge.

Buzz N5UR with 357 worked and 2619 Challenge.

Ken AB5A with 317 worked and 2350 Challenge.

Mike K5UO with 346 worked and 2144 Challenge.

Jim N4AL with 340 worked and 1519 Challenge.

Don N5LZ with 344 worked and 1364 Challenge.

Bill K5WAF with 265 worked and 1290 Challenge.

Don N5DD with 315 worked and 1208 Challenge.

Larry W9AJ with 340 worked and 1200 Challenge.

Mike N5MT with 344 worked and 1019 Challenge.

Bob N5ET with 347 worked and 1215 Challenge.

Linda KE5TF with 344 worked.

Tom K5RC with 366 worked.

Jim N5DC with 355 worked.

Evie W5XYL with 355 worked.

Max K5PP with 348 worked.

Steve W9DX with 347 worked.

The person with the most Challenger credits is Bob Eshleman W4DR with 3114 who was awarded the first DeSoto Cup. Each September the DeSoto cup goes to the person with the most Challenger credits that has not already won the award. Last year Joe Reisert W1JR won with 3041.

The TDXS DX packet cluster is available on the internet via Telnet. Just go to the website and click on the DX cluster tab and then enter your callsign etc. (Internet Explorer 7 no longer supports Telnet without editing the registry. If you need help with this, contact our webmaster). We also maintain a Internet Radio Linking Project, IRLP, which is a world wide system of linked repeaters using VOIP. The TDXS node is #3989.

Now for the most awaited TDXS award since it was misplaced about 3 years ago. The TDXS "Yagi On A Roll" or some call it the DX Hog of the Year Award. As you can see its in much better shape than originally constructed by Bill K2TNO years ago. The bugs that ate the roll are now gone and I replaced the old roll with a candle cinnamon roll. I also had to repair the yagi antenna which lost an element. So what does it take to earn such a coveted award? Many things. No couch potatoes can earn the Yagi On A Roll! You have to be a DX hog or better to hang this on your wall. So who qualifies for 2006? Everyone that I have talked about tonight. Its now time to narrow the selection down so here goes. First I will start with the Rookie candidates. Keith NM5G, new ham station growing in his back yard. Plus he went to Malta, plus Field Day. Mike K5UO, lots of DX with the Challenge award, he has the most credits of anyone in the room and he went to Malta and Nicaragua so he was a world Dixer.

Steve W9DX, not so many countries but he went to Malta and has his fingers in the website all the time.

Bill K5WAF, went to Malta, he is always traveling a lot for his new job.

Don N5DD, went to Malta and has a new job.

Bob WB5IUU, did his first DXpedition to Belize using his straight key.

Eddy K5WQG, another rookie, repeatedly took away the straight key from Cal, this qualifies for a dx hog big time when he was doing the straight key in Belize.

Cal WF5W, no rookie here as he organized the Malta and Belize trips. Was his idea for the straight key Belize trip. But CW only, this was not good for the guys that do not copy the CW. Since he was CW only, does he get more points for DX hog?

Paul W5PF, no rookie here as he went to Malta. He did both CW and Phone but not in Belize or Nicaragua. But I heard he had a secret meeting in Europe with a YL.

Madison W5MJ, no rookie here as he went to Malta and has a pending trip to India/Laccadives. Blamed for the messing up of the forty meter yagi for Field Day.

Frosty K5LBU, no rookie and he went to Mozambique and Nicaragua. He spent more days out of the country than any other member but all on phone. Was this CW discrimination?

Ed W5GCX, no rookie and he went to Nicaragua for the phone contest.

Jim NN5O, he went to Ireland again for a phone contest.

John W6KNC/VK, another rookie member, went to Australia for a big DX contest. Sorry I missed John on the previous list of persons going out of the country.

Now for the envelope and the presentation please. And the winner is **Cal White** WF5W for his leadership, enthusiasm and efforts to organize and promote club DXpeditions throughout 2006.

Now time for door prizes. We all know that everything does not come with batteries but tonight every member takes home batteries. There were about five ladies prizes given out. We had one door prize for a study computer course for the Extra Class exam. It went to someone that had not upgraded and he promised to use it. Lots of more stuff was handed out.

Several weeks before this event, I thought about what I wanted to give out as a reminder of my first year as President. Last year we got coffee mugs as a gift from Don N5DD. So this year, I decided my gift would be dinner wine which I paid for myself. For the record, NO society funds were used to purchase the wine, it was my gift. Meeting was closed.

See you about 5:30 pm at Pappa's BBQ before the February 8th meeting at 7 pm.

73 Mike N5MT