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2007 TDXS Annual Banquet

The annual banquet will be on Saturday, January 13th, 2007. The location is the Saltgrass Steak House, 8943 Katy Freeway starting at 6:00PM. We will be ordering off the menu so please be prepared to settle with the waiter. If you have not done so, RSVP to Mike, N5MT. There will be door prizes. Come enjoy the TDXS fellowship and see who can tell the biggest story.

VU7RG Update de Madison W5MJ



W5MJ/VU3JMB

The usual last minute rush is upon me. Going to India [or anywhere outside the US] presents a whole new set of considerations other than where-the-passport- has-gone and how-much-money-should-I-take. There is an entire culture, comprised of 1,000,000,000+ people, to consider. They speak English, but that is where the cultural similarity ends. An example of how things are different: the primary purpose of this whole gaggle is to have a hamfest on islands which are 500+ miles from the mainland, accessible only by ship, and which have NO licenses [all our licenses are VU3, and we have, at the moment, authority for “10 foreigners holding Indian

Radio Amateur licenses to shift their location to Bangaram, Agatti and Kadmat temporarily” to operate during the hamfest, though we anticipate getting more authority soon {better be sooner rather than later, eh?}].

We will be operating from 4 islands [we hope], Agatti, Bangaram, Kadmat, and Minicoy [no authority for Minicoy, but it is the MOST WANTED IOTA in the system, so we hope it will be granted]. For those with Google Earth, you can find Agatti at 72 11'E, 10 52' N. Don't go too low an altitude or you will miss it. Our camp will be near the top of the handle of the porkchop [this will be more meaningful if you use Google Earth than otherwise]. The team members for each island are identified on the web site. The Agatti team, we are told, will operate mostly CW and digital. There is a band plan to minimize the interference between islands [which are separated by 10-25 miles] by assigning frequencies and modes. All I know is my computer is set for cq vu7rg NA up 3 [or EU] [or JA] on F7, F8 and F9 respectively, and I hope we will be able to get into W5.

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<http://moonbounce.n5iq.org/mailman/listinfo/tdxs-list>

January Birthdays

TDXS wishes "Happy Birthday" to these members with January birthdays:

Barbara Coleman - WB5RUS	Lon Cottingham - K5JV	John Stevens - K5JS
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IOTA BASH 2007

The 3rd Annual IOTA BASH will be held March 9-10 in Boerne, TX. The Bash is sponsored by the Island Radio Expedition Foundation, Inc. (IREF) and hosted by Mike Crownover, AD5A. The format will be the same as in the past with a Friday evening dinner and social get together. Presentations will be on Saturday. See the IREF web site <http://www.islandradio.org/> for further details and registration information. This event is a good opportunity to meet fellow Island Chasers so make your plans to attend now.

VU7RG Update (continued)

I will be taking an Icom 756 Pro III [provided by the manufacturer at no cost, thanks], a RigBlaster Pro and Heil ProSet headphones[both provided by me at considerable expense], a computer with the ordinary items attached, a K9AY antenna array [which we don't think we will need] and about 150 # of miscellaneous gear to VU7. By the time you read this, I will be on my way to Singapore and Cochin, India, and then by ship to VU7. Our operating authority is for 160-10, including 30 mtrs, all modes. We intend to have 15 stations on the air 24/7, mostly verticals but some SteppIRs and some wire, starting 0000z, 15 Jan 07 through 2359z 23 Jan 07. Our operating positions will be observed by the Indian government 24/7, and our logs downloaded once a day by the same government officials, so we will be sure to comply with whatever myriad regulations exist, lest we be tossed in gaol on short rations. [Apparently the exploits of some of the team members from XA5 have come to the attention of the authorities.]

Unlike the prior operation, we will be using only the call VU7RG, no other suffix, from all operating stations. The whole operation is well-documented now on www.vu7.in for those who wish to follow what is going on. I am sure we will be trying to work mostly NA and EU. Beam SOUTH for best result, probably 1400-1600z most days.

The Propagation Gods have promised to provide at least some paths to the US at least once in awhile when we are there, so listen up!

73 es CU on the bands, **VU3JMB/W5**

Calendar

Jan 13, 1800Z - Jan 14, 0600Z: North American QSO Party - CW

**Jan 13th, Saturday 6PM: TDXS Annual Banquet at the Saltgrass
Steakhouse, 8943 Katy Freeway, Houston.**

Jan 20, 1800Z - Jan 21, 0600Z: North American QSO Party - SSB

Jan 20, 1900Z - Jan 22, 0400Z: ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes

Jan 27, 0000Z - Jan 28, 2359Z: CQ WW 160-Meter Contest - CW

Feb 03, 0000Z - Feb 04, 2359Z 1010 Int'l. Winter QSO Party - SSB

Feb 10, 0000Z - Feb 11, 2359Z CQWW WPX RTTY Contest