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Emergency Communications in Houston by Drew Kahn

Drew Kahn, CEO of Northwest Medical Center will make a presentation on the emergency communications in Houston. He is in charge of the amateur radio communications at NWMC including the secure VHF emergency packet system of AirMail, and how they work during disasters in connection with the other First Providers like the Sheriff's Dept., FEMA, Red Cross, and the hospital nets. Pre-meeting dinner starts at 5:30PM at Pappas BBQ on South Gessner, just south of Westheimer. The meeting will start at 7:00PM at The Tracey Gee Center. This will be a timely and interesting presentation on a very important topic.

The Prez Sez:

The May meeting had a great speaker with Peter Roussel K5JCC who talked to about twenty four members that attended the meeting. Peter talked about his tenure as Deputy Press Secretary to President Reagan and his many years with others like VP George Bush, President Ford and others. Peter gave us a great talk that was appreciated by the group.

The Treasurer was not able to make the May meeting so a short report was given by the President from information Keith had given via email.

A request for DXpedition funds was made by several members for a trip to VP2V British Virgin Islands during the IARU HF World Championship in July and operate for one week. They will be in country from July 11-18th. We want to have several antennas that can be used by the members for DXing or Field Day, so we will be getting a vertical and a two element steppir antennas. They need to be light and portable for easy shipping or carry-on if flying. Funds for these antennas had already been allocated to come out of the special funds for DXing.

TDXS and NARS will be doing a joint Field Day again this year. This year Paul W5PF is our Field Day chairman. The FD site is in a different location from last year. This year it is in Tomball and there is more info and a video taken from an airplane of the FD site, on the NARS website. The location is on large open field off Hwy 249 just north of 2920. FD starts at 1 pm on June 23rd Saturday and goes for twenty four hours for most groups. The FD will probably have a 2A situation this year, as there is plans for a SSB and CW station. The SSB station was to be headed up by one of our members Bill W5SB but a conflict has come up and Bill has requested to be replaced. The CW station will be organized by Colin KU5B, the GOTA station by Bill K5NS and satellite by Marty W5MF. The six meter and VHF station is still under development. So lets turn out with the NARS group and have some fun this 2007 FD.

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Happy Birthday TDXS wishes Happy Birthday to these members with June Birthdays:

Alex Stalinsky - WA5UHT
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New Towers for Two TDXSers



Two 72 foot US Tower crankups loaded and ready to go at the US Tower plant in Lincoln, KS. WF5W and W5PF won't have to do any more tower climbing. Each tower will have a 3 El. SteppIR 40thru 6 meter yagi when installed this Summer.

Photo by WF5W

The Prez Sez: (from page 1)

Last weekend several of the TDXS members were at HamCom in Plano, TX. The number of people attending was greater than last year, which must have been due to more parking spots, hi. The location at the Plano Centre is a nice facility but it will never be as big as the old Arlington Convention Center. I would estimate that there were about 2000-2500 people at this years event. Activities at the convention started Friday morning with the flea markets opening at 8 am and the good vendors at 9 am. There were no forums until 1 pm so the morning was open for shopping and finding whatever items you needed. There would be plenty of time on Friday afternoon and all day Saturday for all the forums and more vendors. There were two good DX and contesting forums on Friday afternoon and the DX dinner on Friday night were great!

The W5DXCC DX dinner was the main event for Friday night with about 175 people attending. The main speaker was Dr. Glenn Johnson W0GJ who was on the recent VU7RG/VU7MY Lakshadweep Island DXpedition. Glenn is a physician when not handling the pileups. Glenn had something like 360 slides in his presentation so we were kept well informed. Glenn made a very good presentation showing us what took place on the three islands and the politics involved.

Because TDXS helps sponsor the DX dinner, I was seated at one of the four VIP tables. Next to me was Bill Moore NC1L who is the ARRL DXCC desk manager. Bharathi Prasad VU2RBI/VU7RG and her daughter Mahathi VU3DSM were sitting across the table from us. I believe Tom Harrell N4XP who was one of the organizers of the BS7H DXpedition to Scarborough Reef was also at the table.

There were a total of four of the BS7H team members that operated from the rocks at the show on Saturday for their forum presentation. K5YY, N4XP, K4UJ and K9AJ presented the story of the Scarborough Reef 2007 DXpedition and the years it took to make it happen. LSDXA made a special effort to get them to the show and present their forum to us so they went over their budget and need help in meeting expenses. One surprise announcement was made at the end of their presentation, any one that sponsored them with a donation before the DXpedition, would have their contact uploaded to the LOTW system at the ARRL. This was a gesture that hopefully will generate future donations for DXpeditions that have yet to be announced and many applauded this gesture in the forum.

Early Saturday morning, the first DX Forum was about the VU7RB/VU7MY Minicoy Island DXpedition to Lakshadweep Island by Bharathi VU2RBI. Bharathi spent a lot of time talking about the problems with the various Indian governmental agencies. She had a lot of pictures and gave a good presentation.

One of the other Saturday forums was about the K3LR station design and tour. A video of this station is now up and running on the ICOM America Web site at <http://tinyurl.com/2a8v8n>.

There were a total of six rooms where forums were being held plus the VE Testing was in a seventh room and testing went on all day Friday and Saturday.

The LSDXA table in the main hallway was the center for QSL card checking by one of our members Bob N5ET. He had help from several other card checkers. I asked Bill NC1L how many applications were checked and he told me about 75. He said this was about one third the requests that are handled at Dayton this year. Now all this paperwork must be input at the ARRL and they are presently three months behind in getting things into the system. The LOTW only process takes only one day, so if you make an LOTW only submission, all of the stuff is in the computer and can be quickly credited to your records. So the LOTW applications get done quickly since there is no QSL cards to enter into the computer.

There is another Hamfest coming up in the Houston area, at Texas City on Saturday July 14th. This one day event is at the Doyle Convention Center in Texas City and I expect about 500 people will turn out for the event. Free parking and over 100 inside tables are planned. Admission is \$5 at the door, a dollar cheaper if you pre-register and tables are only \$7 each. Their website is <http://www.tidelands.org>. Good luck.

We are pleased to have Drew Kahn who is the CEO of the NW Medical Center as our next speaker at the June 14th meeting at 7 pm at the Tracey Gee Center. Drew is in charge of the amateur radio communications at NWMC, including the VHF packet system of AirMail. He will talk about disaster communications with police, fire, red cross and others. We will be meeting for dinner before the meeting at Pappas BBQ on South Gessner at 530 pm.