



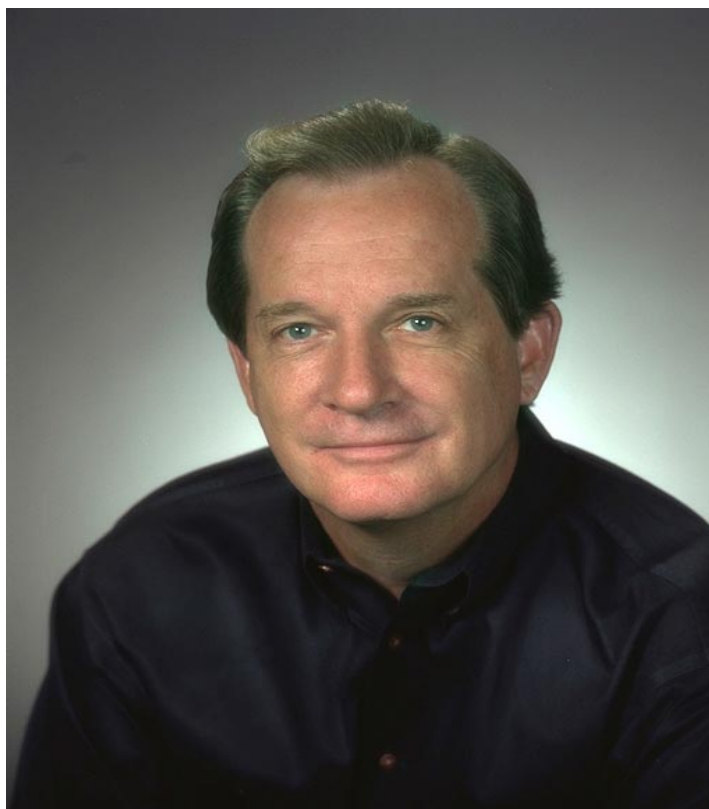
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Humor in the White House from a Ham Radio Operator's Perspective by Pete Roussel K5JCC



Pete is a past Deputy White House Press Secretary and author of "Ruffled Flourishes". Pete has been licensed since 1957. Pete served on the White House staff for both President Ford and President Reagan. This should be a very interesting program giving some insight into the operation of the White House that we rarely have the opportunity to experience.

The program is at 7:00PM, Thursday May 10th at the Tracey Gee Center. Pre-meeting dinner starts about 5:30PM at Pappas BBQ on S. Gessner, just south of Westheimer. Don't miss this one!

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TDXS wishes Happy Birthday to these members with May birthdays:

Leon Pringle, Jr. - W5NA	John Guida - K1ZA	Henry Schneider - W5HNS
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From Dave Topp, W5BXX:

My father died of colon cancer at age 86. I had a colon resection a few years ago and have had a colonoscopy/endoscopy every two years since, no problems were found. About 18 months after the last scopes we decided it was close enough to 2 years and went ahead and had them done. The endoscopy discovered a malignant tumor about the size of your thumb that was starting to penetrate the esophagus wall right above the stomach. I had no symptoms, no reflux, no heartburn no problem swallowing, eating or drinking and I don't smoke. My cancer is totally curable only because of EARLY DETECTION! I strongly urge everyone over 60 years old to have these procedures done every two years. You don't have to drink that awful stuff the day before, they use pills now that serves the same purpose. It's about 25 minutes for both procedures and you are under the whole time. If polyps are detected they can be easily removed during the procedure and biopsied. Insurance covers all these. You can have them done at 8 in the morning and be at work by 2PM and working on your tower the next day.

There is no reason not to have this potentially life-saving procedure done! It did in fact save my life!

Dave
W5BXX

The Prez Sez:

We will have a interesting programs on May 10th at the Tracey Gee Center by Pete Roussel K5JCC. Pete is a past Deputy White House Press Secretary and author of "Ruffled Flourishes". Pete will talk to us about the "Humor in the White House from a Ham Radio Operator's Perspective". Check the TDXS website for a link with more details about Pete's different jobs with those that have lived in the White House.

Thanks to world traveler Madison Jones W5MJ/VU3JMB who was our speaker at our last meeting. Madison gave us a great look at his last DXpedition to the VU7 Lakshadweep Islands in January. He had a lot of pictures and material for us and he had some technical problems putting all the presentation together so many thanks for those others that helped him get organized and put together the show. Madison actually did not have enough time to show us all that he brought with him so maybe we can get a second showing of what was left over. His presentation was very good and he tried to keep it as much about the radio side of the trip as possible and less about the travel log. I am hoping we can take some of the video presentation that was captured and put it on the TDXS website for you to look at. Its great when you get to hear the presenter on the air, as I actually heard Madison operating SSB from VU7 for about ten minutes with a 55 signal into my station.

A big thank you Dale KG5U who is now Contest Chairman and to Paul W5PF who is now the Field Day Chairman. This fills out the last two spots for board membership for 2007.

Most of you that have been chasing DX this past week have either put BS7H Scarborough Reef into your log or made some remark about not hearing them. Well, if you really needed it, with all the antennas available in Houston, you should have it in your log. Since I had worked the 1997 DXpedition, it was not a priority for me to work them until about the second day they were operating, when I checked my DXCC credits and found that I only had it on 20 CW. So I decided that I had better start listening for them on 20 SSB but that station spent a lot of time with Europe during many of the mornings that I could hear them on 20. So I started getting up at 6:30 local time to get a chance to work them on SSB. Each time I turned on the radio, there was no propagation as yet into my station but I could hear the east coast working them. Finally the signal built up enough to begin calling but they never got more than about S2-3 and most times they were either going by numbers or still looking for Europe. I know I called for over an hour one day, but with the excessive split distance, I never made it into the log on SSB. So on 20 CW about one in the morning on their last day, I put them into my log so I can say I worked them. Later that morning we had worst propagation of the week and still nothing on 20 SSB. I think they were going by call areas again that day, and they jumped around and skipped us. They finally faded almost out calling for sixes and then they called for fives and signals went to nothing, nada.

Unlike the Scarborough Reef BS7H group, the N8S group from the Swains Islands DXpedition was a welcome relief to listening to a first class group of operators run a DXpedition. The N8S guys found the band openings, and they were a new one from many on ten meters. The operator that I worked was one of the two Ten-Ten members in the group and we exchanged the needed info for our Ten-Ten award. Since I am the one who is the card checker for Ten-Ten, I do not think there will be any problem in getting that QSL approved. But, I do let the Ten-Ten president check my cards so they do get validated. Once the Swains QSL comes in, the number of confirmed countries will be 314. There remains twenty eight countries that have not had any Ten-Ten activity in the world.

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The Prez Sez,

The topic of TDXS general funds will be a discussion topic at the upcoming meeting. I hope our Treasurer will have a bank account balance report for us at this coming meeting. We can only operate from the dues we have been collecting and putting into a general fund. Since we have not had a fund raiser in two years, the budget is going to get tight. We had been using HamCom in Arlington for our major fund raising event but with the change to the smaller Plano venue, the number attending last year was down. If we would have had a drawing for a \$ radio, we would have lost money last year. The same would have been true if we would tried the same at the Houston Hamvention this year. Maybe we need to do something for the next Houston Hamvention in March 2007 or come up with some new ideas to take us into 2008.

I found an interesting website of old QSL cards by the Les Nouvelles DX group. They have over four thousand old cards that are viewable on the internet. Some go back into the 1940's.

The URL address for the Web site is : <http://LesNouvellesDX.free.fr> .

When the page opens, look at the bottom left for a British flag which will translate the page into English. Click it. The next thing to click on the left is "Sites to be visited". You will see several links that will take you to the photo albums of QSL cards. You can leave comments as needed.

See you about 5:30 pm at Pappa's BBQ before the May 10th meeting at 7 pm.

73 Mike N5MT

April Program Highlights

Madison Jones W5MJ/VU3JMB telling tales of the VU7RG DXpedition.



How would YOU like to face this crowd?

Thanks to W0MM for the photos.

SK - Earl Cunningham - K6SE



It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Earl Cunningham - K6SE on April 28, 2007. Earl joined TDXS in 1973 as member number 18. He was an active contester and always contributed his scores to TDXS. He was quite active on top band. Earl's previous callsigns were: W8DGP 1955-1968, KL7FRY 1966-1967, W5RTQ 1968-1976, K6SE 1976 to present. Our sympathies to Earl's family and friends.

Obituary courtesy of the Antelope Valley Press Wednesday, May 2, 2007

CUNNINGHAM, Earl W., Born April 3, 1934, in Detroit, Michigan. Passed away April 28, 2007, in Palmdale, Calif. He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Barbara, children, Joe Cunningham and wife Jennifer, Mariana Cunningham and husband, Vince Galbreath, Cori Ingram and husband Danny, Jim Cunningham, grandchildren, Sarah, Lauren and Erin Ingram, Cacie Johnson, Deana and Nolan Cunningham. Mr. Cunningham proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was an Electronic Engineer in the Aerospace Industry for over 30 years. He was a member of the Top Band DX Association, and enjoyed amateur radio (K6SE), computers, astronomy and gold panning. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 5, 2007, at Chapel of the Valley Mortuary with Pastor Dave Lux of AV Springs of Life Ministries officiating. Interment to follow at Desert Lawn Memorial Park. Email condolences to the family at cotv@sbcglobal.net In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Lung Association. Chapel of the Valley Mortuary Palmdale Directors.

Tom Taormina K5RC Elected to CQ Contest Hall of Fame

Tom Taormina K5RC (TDXS Member #13) has been nominated and elected to the CQ Contest Hall of Fame for his many years of contribution to the sport of contesting. The presentation will be made at the Dayton Contest dinner, May 19th.

Sighted at Visalia



Richard, K5NA, discussing the merits of the latest handheld. His XYL Susan, K5DU, won a Force 12 40M dipole. Good thing they were driving the Tahoe!

W5PF and N5ET at the Saturday Breakfast



MC Chip Margelli K7JA with the new Bencher BUT-1 Key

The BUT-1 in action - - - - ->



TDXSers also in attendance included Frosty K5LBU (thanks for the photos Frosty), Ed W5GCX, Tom K5RC and Dennis K7BV.