



# THE BULLSHEET

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## British Virgin Islands July 2007



Bob WB5IUU and the TDXS Team BVI will present a video of the groups' trip. This was a very enjoyable family type Dxpediton by Bob, Cal WF5W, Bill K5WAF, Paul W5PF, Nancy WZ8C and their spouses. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussions of the trip. There will also be QSL cards for the deserving.

The meeting is this Thursday November 8th beginning at 7:00 PM at the Tracy Gee Center, see the TDXS web site [www.tdxs.org](http://www.tdxs.org) for directions. The pre-meeting dinner is at the Pappas BBQ near South Gessner and Westheimer starting around 5:30. Come join us for dinner and the meeting.

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## Thoughts and Prayers

Please remember Linda KE5TF, Dave W5BXX, Frank W5JWM and Mike K5UO as they continue to battle with medical problems.

We have also just received this from Mack W5EET:

I am writing to let TDXS club members know why I have missed the last two monthly meetings. I will also be missing the meeting this month (November), but I can assure you that my heart will be at the meeting and also at the dinner prior to the meeting. I am unsure just when I will be able to return to my friends and club members.

I have been battling cancer for several years and until about 4 months ago had it under control, but it suddenly moved into other parts of my body. It became necessary to start chemo and the first two rounds of chemo did nothing to help, in fact the cancer got worse. I was able to make the meetings, but the last two months I have been on a new chemo and it just knocks me down and out (I am also bald). I have been unable to drive due to weakness - I spend most of my day in bed.

I have really missed the second Thursday meetings and dinner, but if God is willing I will beat this beast and return.

Kindest regards, Mack W5EET

## DXCC Card Checking

Bob Walworth, N5ET, is an official ARRL DXCC Field Checker. He can check your QSL cards so that you will not have to send the actual cards to Newington. He can NOT check 160M cards or cards over 10 years old. Bob's contact information is shown above in the TDXS Officers box.

## The Prez Sez, de N5MT

The November meeting at the Tracy Gee Center started as usual with about twenty TDXS members in attendance and several guests.

We had a DX report from Cal WF5W about the Saipan DXpedition that will probably not take place as planned. Bob WB5IUU and the BVI team will show us a video about their BVI Dxpediton at the next meeting. Cal has made a complete list of club antenna assets and where they are located. Plans to meet up at Bob Burns place and remove old assets are on tap for Saturday October 27th. The date had to be changed from what was agreed to at the meeting. Cal handed out a TDXS member survey at the club and we voiced our concerns about each piece of equipment at the meeting. Several obsolete antennas and other equipment will be sold asap to get rid of them and put that money into the treasury. Several members are going to meet up at Bob's place to sort through the items and bring them back to Keith's NM5G house for storage. Thanks for all the help to those that took time out to help the club.

We briefly discussed that elections for 2008 as an upcoming event for November and that members need to step up and help out with some of the planning for the Christmas party and the Yearly Banquet. Thanks to Madison who came up with a suggestion after the meeting for our December Christmas party. Looks like it will be at Chuck W5PR's place with more details to be talked about at the next club meeting. The nominations for 2008 club officers are due out at the next meeting especially if we have two members nominated for the same position and we have to do a vote by email. I know that at least two elected positions will be up for grabs this coming year. So you must have the permission of the nominee before you submit their name for a position. Do not submit a name at the meeting for someone that is not there unless you have checked with them ahead of time.

Thanks to Keith NM5G for giving us a treasurer's report. All is fine with the general funds and the Topp DX funds.

The speakers for our meeting were Frosty K5LBU and Wayne W5KDJ who made a DXpedition trip to A2 Botswana in July. Frosty did most of the talking about the Botswana trip using his computer to show the digital pictures he took during his trip. Frosty stayed on SSB during his operating time and Wayne did a lot of the CW while working the low bands whenever the signals got over the noise for him to hear. Their special IARU HQ callsign was A25HQ during the contest in July.

Please come out and have a good dinner Thursday the 8th of November, as we will be meeting for dinner before the meeting at Pappas BBQ on South Gessner at 5:30 pm. Then move to the Tracy Gee Center to start the meeting at 7 pm. Team BVI including Paul W5PF, Cal WF5W, Bill K5WAF and Bob WB5IUU will present the DX program at the meeting. So please come out and support your Team BVI.

## An Introduction to Contesting

A real nice time? Is it possible to mix ham radio and fun? I would say so. I took a new ham with me, Mark Budro (K5EXX) to the fun station of K5NZ this past weekend for CQWW phone. We wanted to get a little chair time and have fun breaking in a new contester. Mark and I headed up with the ritual stop at Houston Amateur Supply just in case there was a new rig or amp that we didn't have or really need. Another stop in Huntsville for some fine groceries that would hardly wait to be put to use at the "Veranda Grill" at the Wicked Oaks Ranch and DX Station in Bedias.

On down the highway to a dirt road and then down that road to another dirt road that ended with a view of stacked monobanders gleaming in the beautiful Texas air. A little work on the 15 meter side mount and time to warm the amps. A quick takeoff check from NZ and we were ready to run. Band was in decent shape and we worked some decent rates as a run station and then it was off to the mults. The grill was warmed to some nice Texas cut steaks and we had chocolate desert as we let the rest of the world catch up to our great score. Back to the trenches, if you could call it that until about midnight. The day caught up to us and snores were heard like signal flares in a ship wreck. 4:30 came early as it always does and back to the grindstone, waiting on the gray line and catching some decent mults again. We had to slow down as the smell of bacon and eggs coming from the chow hall was overpowering. Time for a lesson from the master as NZ runs the rate and the mults up. Lunch called to a medley of fresh vegetables over grilled burgers on toasted buns. Back to the trenches for a final full stomach run. Hearing your favorite YL P43E and giving an 88 out is not bad either. Stopping about 4 that afternoon and heading back to the reality of Houston. The new guy got to operate from a world class station and the old guys got to eat some decent food and enjoy old stories that can't be told in public. Oh well, nice to think that you can still get DXCC in 1 day of you want too!

73, Joey W5BAK

Call: W5BAK                    Operator(s): K5EXX, W5BAK, K5NZ                    Station: K5NZ  
Class: M/S HP                QTH: stx    Operating Time (hrs): 15

Summary:

Band QSOs Zones Countries

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160: 5 3 4  
80: 28 13 21  
40: 102 23 62  
20: 305 25 107  
15: 183 24 84  
10: 65 12 30  
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Total: 688 100 308 Total Score = 696,456

*( We hope that K5EEX was not too badly traumatized by this experience and will participate in future contests.....ed.)*

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to these TDXS members born in November:

Bob King - K5IY

Charles Brues - N5AM

John Davis - KN5T

Bob Chmielewski - N5PJI

Ed Gerber - W5GCX

Don Daze - N5DD

Keith Huger - KA5F

Robert McWhorter - K5PFE

Bill Eckenrode - W5SG

Tom Ashworth - N5EA

Chuck Hornburg - K5IX

Joe Staples - W5ASP

Chuck Dietz - W5PR

Jim Carmody - NN5O

Bruce Meier - N1LN

Don Mayhall - N5DM

Matt Thomas - WX5S

## **DXpedition to Mozambique -- C91**

Join Frosty K5LBU on his upcoming dxpedition to Mozambique. Frosty says *"I am planning a return to Mozambique next July. I plan on spending a week at Kruger National Park just looking at the Animals and then going over to C91 for 15 days. Of course we will have the usual equipment to use. So far W5SL is planning to go and one other who went in 2006 might join again.*

*But just in case someone might like to be a part of the C91 side. The cost is \$225.00 per day which includes 3 meals a day, lodging and all the radio you can handle. Of course you will have your own C91 call noC91/whatever call.*

*Frosty K5LBU"*

If you saw Frosty and Wayne talk about their trip at the last meeting then you know they always have a great time on these DX Safaris. Next time they hope to have a wire four square array for 80 meters. Check with Frosty for details.

## **From the TDXS Bullsheets Archives:**

Ten years ago this month, TDXS President Bob Walworth N5ET gave a report on a successful Gulf Coast Hamvention enjoyed by all. Kudos to Chuck Dietz (then known as KZ5MM) for handling the club's raffle. The lucky winner of the Icom-756 was Lon Cottingham K5JV. Dennis Motchenbacher K7BV was on hand to present a program on his CY9AADXpedition, and Wayne Mills N7NG gave a program on his Scarborough ReefDXpedition during the DX luncheon. Special praise to TDXS FD Chairman Dale Martin KG5U for our 2A win in FD competition.

de Steve W9DX