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## A2 Botswana



Frosty K5LBU and Wayne W5KDJ will present their DXpedition to A2 this past July. They operated in the IARU contest as the Botswana HQ station A25HQ. Wayne will discuss the challenges of working the low bands during the northern hemisphere's summer season.

The meeting is Thursday October 11th starting at 7:30PM at the Tracy Gee Center. The pre-meeting dinner will be at Pappas BBQ near Wertheimer and South Gessner beginning at 5:30. Come join us for food, camaraderie and lots of stories.

## C91KDJ Mozambique

Wayne W5KDJ will operate as C91KDJ from 50 km North of Maputo, Mozambique from November 15 to 28, 2007. Wayne will concentrate on 160 and 80 M mostly CW but will try to get in some RTTY. Check the web page for further details. <http://www.tdxs.org/c91kdj.html>

## EI2VNO Ireland

Jim NN5O will be active in the CQWWSSB contest as EI2VNO, probably 20M single band. Before the test he will operate PSK31 on 20 and lower bands.

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**TDXS wishes HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to the following members with September birthdays:

Bill Denton - W5SB	Mack Arp - W5EET	Dave Evans - K5SOR
Galen Graff - KB5FU	Tom Taormina - K5RC	Jay Temple - W5JQ
Lance Rumfield - WD5KCX	Steve Nace - KN5H	Bob King, Jr. - NM5L
Dave Sarkozi - WB5N		

## Tower/Antenna Upgrades

Allen N5XZ is finishing his new crank up with a 4 el SteppIR with the 30/40M driven element. Recent work was postponed. He will be looking for help shortly.

Cal WF5W is waiting for the foundation for his new crank up to cure. He will have a new 3el SteppIR with 30/40M driven element. His VHF tower is done with a 17 el 2M yagi and his IC7000 is ready to go.

Paul W5PF is also waiting for the concrete to dry. His 3el SteppIR with a new 30/40 driven element will be in the air by the end of October.

## The Prez Sez:

The September meeting had seventeen TDXS members in attendance and three guests. Officers missing the meeting were Madison W5MJ, Keith NM5G and Dale KG5U. There was no treasurer's report or an update on the upcoming contest activities.

We started the meeting a little different by asking everyone to talk about when they got their first license, what date and any stories. The only notes that I took were writing down a few of the years that our members got their first license. Since Frank W5JWM was not at the meeting, we had four people that got their license in the fifties. (Per W9DX, Frank was licensed in 1941, 66 years of DXing...ed.) Doing my math, all four have had their license for 50 years! One of our guests Chuck NO5W got his in 1957 along with Bill WF5W the same year. Mack W5EET got his license in 1954 but Mike K5UO was the old man for the meeting getting his in 1952. That makes K5UO licensed for 55 years.

Madison found us two speakers for this meeting. The first to talk was by Chuck NO5W about the upcoming Texas QSO Party on the last weekend in September. Chuck is the organizer for the NARS club that is sponsoring the TQP and he wanted us to have the latest info about the TQP website etc. At the time of the meeting there were still a few dozen Texas counties that had not been listed as being planned to be operated from during the TQP. Chuck has a feature at the TQP website where you can list your mobile route so people looking for mobiles can know the route you plan on taking, so you can build up a better score etc. Good luck with TQP.

The second speaker was one of our members Joey W5BAK who talked about the digital modes of communications like PSK31 and RTTY. Joey had several handouts, one was a simple circuit that you can build to interface your radio with the computer to help with the digital connection. He also brought in a commercial box from Tigertronics called a Signalink that does all the connections necessary. He also had several CDROM's with software that was available from the Tigertronics website ( ) so that you can use software like Digipan to communicate with PSK31. So thanks to Joey for a nice presentation.

One other note on TQP: I am donating two bottles of wine as prizes for a member who submits the best score for a TDXS member in the TQP contest. The best score by a home station by a TDXS member and the best score by a TDXS mobile station. If no mobiles are active then the two best home stations get the prizes. I am not sure if I can send the bottles through the mail so we may have to limit the goods to a local member but we will see what scores.

I reminded the group that Coy Day N5OK was coming down to speak at the NARS meeting on September 21st. Several of us did meet Coy that Friday night and it had been three years since Coy was invited down by NARS to talk at their meeting. Coy is on the ARRL board of directors and he talked about items the board had worked on this past year and some of their decisions that affected us. So thanks to NARS for helping get Coy down to the Houston area.

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## The Prez Sez

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We had a DX report from Cal mostly an update about the Saipan DXpedition that is being planned for 2008. Cal and crew still have plans to show us pictures and a presentation about the British Virgin Island DXpedition a few months ago. Cal is in the process of collecting a list of club assets like antennas and where they are located. Please get him any info that you have about TDXS assets ASAP.

We briefly discussed that elections for 2008 are coming up and that members need to step up and help out with some of the planning for the Christmas party and the Yearly Banquet. We have been at the same banquet place for two years so its time to pick someplace else and enjoy a new location. Same idea for the December meeting. A planning committee?? I know that at least two elected positions will be up for grabs this coming year. So do not forget, you must have the permission of the nominee to put their name up for a spot 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 him or her ahead of time.

The speakers for this coming meeting will be Frosty K5LBU and Wayne W5KDJ who made a DXpedition trip to A2 Botswana in July. Wayne did a lot of the CW on this trip and he enjoyed working the low bands whenever the signals got over the noise for him to hear. They were in the IARU contest with the special HQ callsign A25HQ.

Please come out and have a good dinner Thursday the 11th of October, 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.

**73 de Mike N5MT**