



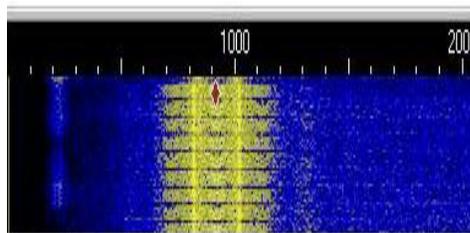
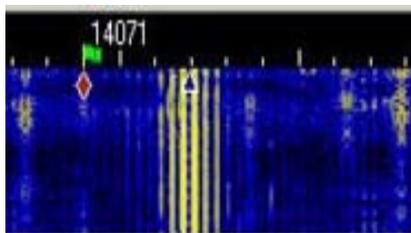
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Digital Communications



Do you know what these are? Want to find out? Joey W5BAK will show us how to get set up for the various digital modes now being used on the Amateur bands. He will discuss both hardware and software and how to integrate them in your station. The different interfaces available will be discussed as well as several software programs. If you have been thinking about getting into RTTY, PSK31 or any of the current digital modes, now is the time to get started.

The meeting will start at 7:00 PM Thursday September 13th at the Tracey Gee Center. Pre meeting dinner will be at Pappas' BBQ near Westheimer and S. Gessner beginning at 5:30.

Upcoming DXpeditions by TDXS members:

Wayne W5KDJ will be in Mozambique Nov. 15 - 28, 2007 operating as C91KDJ. Wayne will concentrate on CW and the low bands 80 and 160. Some RTTY is possible. For more information check this page on the TDXS web site <http://www.tdxx.net/c91kdj.html>

Jim NN50, licensed as EI2VNO, will again be QRV from Cahirciveen, Mannix Point Campground, Count Kerry, Ireland for CQWWSSB. Current thinking is a single band 20 meter effort 100 watts with "Mystery Antenna" and SVDA homebrew. Before the TEST, extensive PSK operation on 20 and lower frequencies is planned. Stay tuned.

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On Packet: Connect to **K5DX** direct or via **TDXS71** on 145.71MHz.
TDXS Reflector: To subscribe to the TDXS reflector, go to
<http://moonbounce.n5iq.org/mailman/listinfo/tdxx-list>

Happy Birthday to the following TDXS 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		

Web Updates:

I have updated the TDXS DXCC webpage with member standings in accordance with the ARRL online DXCC lookup files. Please check your numbers, and let me know if there are any errors. If you are not on the list, and would like to be, let me know and I'll add you. To keep everyone on the same basis, updates will show only what the league says you have credit for. Has anyone else besides Jim Carmody - NN5O and myself qualified and received #1 DXCC Honor Roll this year? (NN5O #1 HR Mixed, W9DX #1 HR Mixed & Phone). -- **Steve - W9DX**

From the TDXS Archives:

Ten years ago this month, TDXS was making preparations for the upcoming Houston Ham Convention, and TDXS President Bob Walworth N5ET was asking for volunteers to run the hospitality suite at the Hyatt. Jim Lane N5DC wrote up a nice report on the New Orleans DX Convention.

Steve - W9DX

The Prez Sez:

The August meeting had twenty three members in attendance, two guest and our speaker. All the officers and board members were present except for Keith NM5G and Dale KG5U, so we did not get a treasurer report or an update on the upcoming contest activities.

Madison W5MJ had found us a good speaker with Virgil Stamps K5OOR who talked about many of the products that he puts together and sells in kit form. Virgil uses a website named WWW.HFPROJECTS.COM which is his store name. Most all of his sales are by mail order except for the hamfest that he is able to get too. Virgil showed us an HF Packer-Amp that will put out about 35 watts with the low drive as input. He passed around all of his kits that had been built and he does an excellent job of soldering. After he finished with the HF kits he brought out the antennas which a typical back-packer would be needing. The portable tripod for the MP-1, the ten band rotatable dipole and the 36 foot fold-over mast were impressive. Virgil kept us asking questions until we had to shut down at almost 9 pm. If you have a question for Virgil, his email address is INFO@HFProjects.Com.

We had a DX report from Cal mostly an update on the members that went on the British Virgin Islands trip the previous month which went very well. Their callsign was VP2VEA during the contest and they were on from July 11-18th. Cal and crew were scheduled to be the September speakers but plans have changed and a new speaker is planned.

Joey W5BAK will talk to us about Digital communications. Joey has several of the interface boxes especially those that use the USB interface so you do not need a serial port to plug in the radio interface for a digital connection. What you will need is the following: A PC with a sound card, an interface box to help isolate the audio, a cable from the interface to the radio and PC and download the software something like the Digipan (which is a freeby). Its not hard but sometimes it takes a little help to get the audio to work just right. Two interfaces are popular, the Rigblaster and the Signalink which is smaller and some people say they like better. So please come out and find out what Joey has to say about this growing digital wave and Joey can get you on RTTY or PSK with a little help.

More news on digital. There is a new 1010 Digital Award that has recently come out to help increase the interest in this topic. When Ten meters is open there is a lot of people listening on 28120.15 usb for PSK contacts and further down the band 28070 for RTTY contacts. I have been using PSK since July and have made over fifty contacts with some DX and all with 1010 members. It's a growing part of the 1010 program to increase activity on Ten plus a just announced rule change has made the cost of the ALL basic 1010 awards now Free to members.

Frosty K5LBU/A25CF and Wayne W5KDJ/A25KDJ made an update about their trip to A2 Botswana in July. Wayne did a lot of 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. Frosty will present a talk about his A2 trip at the next ECHO ARC on Monday the 10th at 7 pm at the American Red Cross building on the north side of the Southwest Freeway at Kirby.

There were a two other updates about TDXS member experiences this past month from Lance WD5KCX and Mike N5MT.

Please come out and have a good dinner Thursday the 13th of September, as we will be meeting for dinner before the meeting at Pappas BBQ on South Gessner at 5:30 pm. Then at 7 pm at the Tracy Gee Center.

73 Mike N5MT

Keep the following TDXS members in your thoughts and prayers:

Dave Topp W5BXX as he recovers from surgery, **Frank Montgomery W5JWM** who has been hospitalized twice this month, and **Linda Walworth KE5TF** as she undergoes treatment.

Time to renew your license:

The following TDXS members have licenses expiring within the 90 days renewal window. If you haven't renewed your license already, "git 'er done": K5GA, KZ5KG, KB5FU, N5RF, W5XYL, and K5EJO. Effective September 17th, the FCC has reduced the regulatory fee to obtain or renew an Amateur Radio vanity call sign to \$11.70.

Searching for former members:

I'm still looking for info on the whereabouts of John M. Whitney (ex- AD5W). Can anyone confirm if ND5Q is our former member by the same name? It may be that John let his license lapse and was re-issued KD5VRJ, later changed to ND5Q.

Also looking for David Rowe, WB5PBA who is no longer in the FCC database. Let me know if you have any information.

Steve - W9DX

An update from Dave W5BXX

I finished chemo/radiation treatments in June. All the subsequent tests indicated we had zapped all the cancer cells. I caught pneumonia and was in MDA for 5 days with that. Had 3 weeks off and surgery was on the 14th of August. That went well and the pathology showed that I was completely cancer free! We have some complications when starting the feeding tube and have been in the hospital ever since surgery trying to resolve that. My bowels are having a hard time getting back to normal to push stuff through. I lost 15 pounds since the pneumonia spell and another 15 pounds since surgery. But the bottom line is the early detection and successful treatment.

Regards to all!

**Dave
W5BXX**

Reported Contest Scores

August ARRL UHF (220 MHz & up) **K5LLL** 67 qsos 39 grids 13,689 points

ARRL Sept. VHF QSO Party **W5PR** 267 qsos 95 mults 25,365 points (6M only)
K5LLL 386 qsos 178 mults 98,790 points

Bill Windle QSO Party

Date: Saturday October 13, 2007

Time: 0000Z to 2359Z

FOC Website: <http://firstclasscw.org.uk/>

Local info: w5sg@comcast.net

Objective:

FOC members

To make as many different Windle QSOs as possible. VHF bands are included but WARC bands are excluded. Members are encouraged to work non-members to encourage the practice of operating on CW. This provides an opportunity to hear other operating practices of others who may be considered for nomination in the future.

Non-members

To contact as many FOC members as possible. VHF bands are included but WARC bands are excluded.

Exchange:

All participants call CQ BW. FOC members are asked to add FOC to their CQ calls and their FOC number in QSO exchanges.

FOC members - RST, Name, & FOC Number.

Non-members - RST & Name.

Frequencies:

CW portions of the six main HF bands, between 015 and 045. Top Band: avoid the DX Window. The WARC bands are not used for the QSO party.

Activity Report:

FOC members

Please send a report of your activity for the event to Art, KZ5D preferably via e-mail. No logs necessary. Just report the total number of QSOs with both FOC members and non-members. Then provide a second number that is the total of FOC member QSOs. Use a format similar to the monthly Windle report in the news sheet. For example: 300/225 where the first number is the total QSOs, followed by the total FOC member QSOs. In this example, the station reports 300 total QSOs, of which 225 were with FOC members. Each FOC member or non-member can be contacted only once per band. Each band QSO counts separately, so if you work someone on 3 bands, you count 3 QSOs.

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Activity Report:

Non-members

Please report total number of QSOs with FOC members. Each FOC member can be contacted only once per band. Each band QSO counts separately, so if you work a member on 3 bands, you count 3 QSOs.

The report can be sent by e-mail or snail mail. No logs, no verification, only the honor system. Your report should be submitted to Art, KZ5D preferably via e-mail at KZ5D@AOL.COM

Please ensure that your report is sent within one week of the event.

Results:

An alphabetical listing by call signs of the activity reports will be listed on the FOC web page and printed in either the News Sheet or Focus. No awards will be given as this is not a contest. QSOs with members may count towards the annual Windle award where they meet the Windle award rules (i.e. where the QSO is on a band that has not been claimed for, in any other month of the year). This is the primary intent of the activity. The secondary intent is to foster better relationships with non-members and encourage the use of CW by all.

Awards:

New for 2007, the FOC Committee has decided to award certificates to the highest scoring member and non-member on each continent. Certificates will be issued automatically and at no cost to participants.

73, Bill W5SG