



# The Bullsheet

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An ARRL Affiliated Club

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## Christmas Party Time Dec. 11 6:30 PM

The Annual TDXS Christmas Party will be held on Thursday December 11th beginning at 6:30 PM. The location will be the law office of Chuck W5PR located at 212 Stratford St., Houston. This is just south of downtown. Go to [www.tdxs.net/Christmas.html](http://www.tdxs.net/Christmas.html) for directions to Chuck's office.

Food will be catered and there will be a charge of \$10 per per-

son to cover the cost. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be provided, if you want something stronger you will need to bring it yourself.

Some parking permits will be available but when these are gone you will have to park in back or on the side streets to avoid towing. Come early to enjoy one of the best events of the year. Many spouses will be there



and they always enjoy getting together.

Please let Chuck know if you will attend and if anyone will come with

you so that adequate food and drink may be ordered. His email is [w5pr@swbell.net](mailto:w5pr@swbell.net).

## Editor's Note de Paul W5PF

I became a member of TDXS in 2001. Shortly thereafter my sponsor (W5MJ Esquire) somehow convinced me to become the Editor of the Bullsheet. So in April 2002 I began publishing our monthly newsletter. After 6 1/2

years and because I will be the TDXS President in 2009 I feel it is time for someone else to take over the helm. Doug Seyler, WB5TKI, has agreed to assume the task in January so this will be my final edition of the Bullsheet. I

have gotten a lot of support and input from the membership over the years and that is what has made the Bullsheet a useful and I hope interesting newsletter. Please continue to give this support to Doug as he takes over this function.

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## The Prez Sez de Steve W9DX

While most of us were stuffing our faces with turkey leftovers during the Thanksgiving weekend, Repeater Chairman Glenn Anderson WB5TUF with the help of Lance Rumfield WD5KCX and his sons Dan KD5OKG and Tim KD5OKH installed a new antenna for our 2 meter repeater at Greenway Plaza. This project was to replace the antenna damaged during Hurricane Ike. Sounds great! Thanks guys! "As far as packet, Igor, and IRLP goes, I am waiting on rooftop clearance on my building to mount antennas. I hope to know something soon. I am also working on a replacement for the UHF repeater. The Standard is getting a little tired and parts are no longer available. I am gathering parts for a GE MASTR 2 and should have something in a few months, time permitting" says Glenn.

New member Scott Patout K5DD has volunteered to assume the duties of our club QSL forwarding manager. Buzz N5UR will give him all his years of expertise! Let's not dump trailer loads of cards on Scott till he's had a chance to learn the system and get up to speed with Buzz.

DXpedition plans are still in the works. The first trip in 2009 will be Cal WF5W and Mike K5UO's trip to San Andres Island in late January with participation in the CQWW 160m contest signing 5K0CW. They will be joined by Rob HK3CW. Next is the trip to Mozambique or Swaziland in March 2009 with participation in the CQ WPX contest. There's still room for more operators and airfares are quite reasonable with the drop in fuel prices, so book early if

you have interest. Wayne W5KDJ is looking for others interested in joining him in Cambodia in July for the IARU Contest. Wayne says the daily expense is around \$38/day for one operator. Airfare is around \$1700 from IAH. Here's your chance to get a XU7xxx call-sign!

Chuck Dietz W5PR reports that he is ready to rock and roll again in the ARRL 10m Contest this coming weekend. With propagation still in the gutter for some time, Chuck will need all the Q's he can get, so give him a call! Chuck spent 7 hours on the tower last weekend repairing damage from the hurricane with the help of Jim N4AL, Pat KJ5Y and Chuck's neighbor Gary. Getting the damaged antennas down was the hardest part.

On Thursday December 11<sup>th</sup> we are holding our annual Christmas Party at the offices of W5PR at 212 Stratford Street, Houston. Chuck's office is just south of the downtown area in Mid-town. 212 Stratford is on the south side of the street, just east of Mason Street, and 2 blocks north of Westheimer Rd. We will be kicking off the activities at 6:30 PM. Cost is \$10/person to cover catering. Soft drinks, beer and wine will be provided. If you want something stronger, BYOB. Chuck still has some Houston parking permit hang tags for street parking which you'll need for Stratford. Once tags are gone, you'll have to park in the back or on a side street to avoid towing. This is one of the best events of the year, so plan to attend, and bring the family for great food, great fun and good

friends to share it with!

Mike Davidson N5MT is still busy finalizing plans for the January banquet and we will be announcing the date, time and location momentarily.

How did this year go by so fast? I think we accomplished a lot of positive things this year. It seems like only a few days ago that we were wondering how to start off the new year with more contesting activity and support for Field Day. Members and guests rallied to the cause, and I'm very pleased with the result. We placed very well in the 2008 ARRL Field Day and once we remedy our identified problem areas, we are well within striking distance of a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish in STX. More members are throwing their contesting hats into the ring, reporting their scores and listing TDXS as the affiliated club. It's also good that we have NR5M back as a multi-multi contesting station where members without big home stations can participate and hone their skills. From the postings on the 3830 list, it looks like NR5M has placed well in the USA Top 10 finishers for CQWW-CW with 4173 QSOs, 163 Zones, and 557 Countries for a claimed score of 7,678,800 points. The operators including many TDXS old timers were: K5GA, NM5M, NX5M, K5NZ, W5MJ, N5XJ, NO5W, W0MM, NR5M, N5DUW, and KZ5KG. See pictures courtesy of W0MM and NO5W elsewhere in this issue.

We were all deeply saddened at the start of Field Day over the loss of Mack Arp W5EET who loved QRP DX'ing and attending TDXS

# The Prez Sez (continued)

activities. We will always miss his warm and friendly demeanor.

I am also pleased that we have added 3 new members to our ranks this year. Cookie K5EWJ brings a wealth of DX and low band experience to our ranks. Scott K5DD put in a great effort during FD, and has already stepped up to the plate to volunteer his services to the club as

QSL Forwarding Manager. Buzz NI5DX is an active DX'er with 334 current (339 total) entities to his credit on DXCC-Phone Honor Roll. Let's also not forget the sacrifices and contributions to our club this year by members' spouses, especially Trish Frink who kept us all fed during FD, and Ruth Dietz for letting us tear up her neat offices once again for the Christmas Party! Last, but certainly not least, my personal

thanks to the club's officers, board members, and all who volunteered their time, talents and money to the club this last year. Your contributions keep us a strong and vibrant club. Please give our new officers and board members for 2009 your full support and active participation. Happy Holidays to all, and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year!  
Steve - W9DX

## CQWW-CW at the New NR5M photos by W0MM and NO5W



W0MM, NX5M, K5GA, W5MJ



K5NZ and W5MJ share a laugh - Did someone work C0AX?  
(Nice specs Mike!)



Eric NM5M at the 80M position



Mike K5NZ puts in an all nighter in the 40M chair.



Bill K5GA



Madison W5MJ finds a new one on 40









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**TDXS says "HAPPY BIRTHDAY"** to these members with birthdays in December

**Arthur Alvarez - N5KTN**

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