The Annual TDXS Banquet will be held on Saturday January 31st beginning at 6:30 PM. The location will be Texas Land & Cattle, 12313 Katy Freeway. This is at I-10 and Dairy Ashford, Houston 77079.

The cost will be $25. There is a choice of salads, one of three entrees and family style vegetables. Coffee, tea and soft drinks are included as well as a scoop of ice cream for dessert. If you want a more powerful libation there will be a cash bar.

We will start gathering at 6:00 PM with dinner about 7:00.

The entree choices are sirloin steak, grilled chicken or grilled trout. Please RSVP to me by Jan 28th with your entree choice so I can let the restaurant know how many will be attending.

Details and an interactive map of the location are available at http://www.tdxs.net/Banquet09.html.

Editor’s Note de Doug WB5TKI

First of all, HAPPY NEW YEAR! Let’s all hope that 2009 isn’t quite as exciting as 2008 was.

For those who may not know me, I’ve been a ham since 1964 and have held several calls (WA8OKL, WA9ZMR, WB5TKI). In those 44 years I’ve chased DX, rag chewed, worked contests, operated in a variety of digital modes, talked over a number of ham sats, built rigs and antennas, operated QRP and QRO, provided communications for races and air shows, occasionally annoyed the neighbors, and generally had a great time. This really is a lifetime hobby.

There is one activity that is still unchecked on my to-do list, however. I have not yet been on a DXpedition. I hope to remedy that in the near future.

I look forward to the challenge of editing the Bullsheet, for I have big shoes to fill. I ask for your support, patience and above all, your articles and news items for the Bullsheet.

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2008 is now history and most of us are glad to see it go. Hurricane Ike, the economic meltdown and NO SUNSPOTS are all events that we are glad to put behind us. Let’s hope that the new cycle starts producing more sunspots soon. Oh, and it would be nice if the economy turns around also.

We recently had to say goodbye to one of our long time members when Linda Walworth KE5TF became a SK on December 30th. Linda was #1 DXCC Honor Roll. She was a fixture at TDXS events and Hamventions for many years. She always had a smile on her face. We will all miss this gracious lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bob and their family.

December also saw the annual TDXS Christmas Party hosted by Ruth and Chuck Dietz W5PR at their office in the Montrose area. We all enjoyed the fajitas and the opportunity to see some folks that we had not seen since last Christmas.

To start off the new year right our January meeting is the annual banquet. This year it will be at the Texas Land & Cattle restaurant at Dairy Ashford and The Katy Freeway. The date is Saturday January 31st. We will have a set menu with three entrees available. You have a choice of Sirloin Steak, Grilled Chicken or Grilled Trout. Salad, veggies, dessert and coffee, tea and soft drinks are included. The price will be $25 per person which you can pay at the banquet. We will start to gather about 6:00PM and have dinner around 7:00. There will be a cash bar. Please RSVP to me with your choice of entree by January 28th. Details and directions can be found at www.tdxs.net.

Another upcoming local event is the Greater Houston Hamfest scheduled for Saturday March 7, 2009. Allen Brier N5XZ is coordinating the programs for the event. I would like to see some TDXSers do a program at the Hamfest. If anyone has a program they would like to present please contact Allen at n5xz@earthlink.net. Details on the

The Prez Sez de Paul W5PF

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Our SKN aficionado Cal WF5W is featured in a very well done video on Straight Key Night by Steve N0TU. If you haven’t seen it you should take the time to view it. It is about 8 minutes long and is located at http://www.viddler.com/explore/G-OATHiker/videos/10/.


This is the time of year we all tend to review what has happened in the last year and make plans for the new year. Sunspots have been nearly non-existent so activity on the bands has been sparse. Conditions should start to improve soon so now is a good time to make plans to become more active on the air and possibly in TDXS. There are several good contests coming up in the next couple months so it will be easy to participate. There is also some good DX on tap so now is the time to brush up those operating skills and become more involved.

I hope to see many of you at the Banquet.

73 es DX, Paul W5PF
Upcoming Contests and Operating Events:

Jan 10, 1800Z - Jan 11, 0600Z: NAQP CW Contest

Jan 17, 1800Z - Jan 18, 0600Z: NAQP SSB Contest

Jan 21 - 28th: 5K0CW San Andres DXpedition by WF5W, K5UO & HK3CW

Jan 23, 2200Z - Jan 25, 2359Z: CQWW 160m CW Contest

DX News

Here are some new and/or revised webpages for upcoming DXpeditions:

www.tdxs.net/5k0cw.html for the San Andres Is DXpedition by WF5W and K5UO.

www.tdxs.net/c91.html for the Mozambique DXpedition in March/April by WF5W, K5WAF, WS5J, N4AL, WSPF, and KG5U.

Congratulations to Bob Mennell WB5IUU for working a new one: E44M on 20m phone!
2008 Christmas Party photos courtesy of W9DX and N5MT

The 2008 Christmas Party was held at the law office of Chuck W5PR in the Montrose area of Houston. Those who attended enjoyed great conversation, libation and fajitas.

Presented here are some pictures of the event (courtesy of Steve W9DX):

- Paul W5PF and Chuck W5PR
- Winnie K5HNS and Margie Davidson
- Georgina Frantz, Bill K5WAF, Bob WB5IUU
- Bob WB5IUU, Mike N5MT, Henry W5HNS
- Paul W5PF and Chuck W5PR
- Madison W5MJ
- Trish Frink and Sue Mennell
- Keith NM5G and Jim N4AL
- Winnie K5HNS and Margie Davidson
- Mike K5UO, Don K5AAD, Doug WB5TKI
- Laurent W0MM and Mike N5MV
- Madison W5MJ
The Secretary/Treasurer's Report de Bill K5WAF

Club Dues – Now is the Time to Send In Your Check!

2009 is upon us and our 2009 TDXS dues should be paid by the end of January. You can mail them in to the Secretary/Treasurer, K5WAF, or bring it to the Annual Banquet on January 31st. K5WAF's address is: 10825 Lake Forest Drive, Conroe, TX 77384.

As of January 11, 2009 dues have been received from K5TU, K5DD, N5KTN, WBSTKI, N5MT, W0MM, W9DX, K5FK, K5UO, WB5IUU, N5DC and K5WAF.

2009 Field Day [Already!] de Bill K5WAF

2009 Field Day, June 27 & 28, 2009, is already in the planning stage by K5WAF, WB5IUU and NM5G. Of specific note, we do not have to worry about the site; the Spring Creek Park in Tomball that we used last year has been formally reserved. We feel really fortunate to have this site, not only because the Pavilion and grounds worked exceptional well for us last year, but because of the great support and response we have received from the Park manager and the Harris County Precinct 4 park administration.

As an offer, any thoughts or suggestions on how to make this years Field Day even better are always welcome. And as a reminder, we will be working with Dave Topp, probably in April, to assemble and fully test the yagis that will be used on his RV.

Feature Article de Bill K5WAF

WHERE DO OUR MEMBERS LIVE? WHAT IS MOST CENTRAL?

Ever wonder where everyone lived geographically? Well with the help of Google Earth and the address's in our 2008 roster, here is what it looks like.

Full Members: With Madison's recent move to the Austin area along with several of us either quite far North or South of Houston proper, two maps are required. For reference I have also included the location of the Tracy Gee Center as well as the center point of our Full Members (excluding our illustrious retired legal eagle who is deserting the wonders of the Houston area, i.e. W5MJ – which I am sure will make for some interesting e-mail!)
By the way, if you think your “pin” is in the wrong place, it may be time to update your address with the TDXS Secretary.

Next month, I am going to try to locate all the inactive members – so far it has been very interesting to see the far corners many have moved to.

**Associate Members:** We have several Associate Members that we don’t want to forget about. So what follows is a couple of maps that tries to show their location.
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On 2 Meters: 147.96/36 MHz (100 Hz)  On 70cm: 447.00/442.00 MHz (103.5 Hz)

DX Cluster—On Packet: Connect to K5DX on 145.71 MHz or telnet via IP address 75.148.198.113

**TDXS says “HAPPY BIRTHDAY”** to these members with birthdays in January

Barbara Coleman - WB5RUS  John Duncan - WA5ZVE
Lon Cottingham - K5JV      Mike Hance - K5NZ
John Stevens - K5JS        Allen Brier - N5XZ
Dale Martin - KG5U         Ben Worrell - NE5B
Al Vasek - KN5A            Ken Eckel Jr. - AB5A
Dennis Motschenbacher - K7BV  Earl Morse - K8SS (ex-N5TU)
Bill Bradford - K5GA       Doug Seyler - WB5TKI