



# The Bullsheet

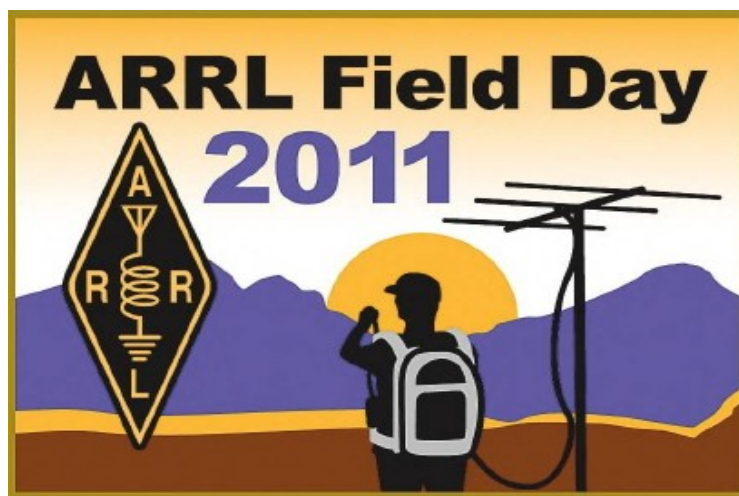
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## Ham-Com and Field Day

*No TDXS meeting this month* There will be no TDXS meeting in June because the regular meeting night (June 9) falls the night before the beginning of the Dallas hamfest, Ham-Com. Register for Ham-Com at [www.hamcom.org](http://www.hamcom.org). The

W5DXCC Dinner sponsored by the Lone Star DX Association is at 6 PM on Friday, June 10. Many TDXSers attend each year, and tickets are still available at the above website. See you there!



## Editor's Note de Jim N4AL

This month there will be no TDXS meeting because of the conflict with Ham-Com in Plano on June 10-11.

I have attended this hamfest the last few years and always meet several TDXSers there. In the past, those of us who attended the LSDXA DX Dinner have tried to sit at the same table. I will be there with my XYL for the first time in about twenty years. She is very

patient with me at hamfests and does a good job of keeping my spending under control (hi).

This month TDXS is preparing for Field Day which will be held June 25-26. Our team will operate from the motorhome of Dave W5BXX on the Texas City dike. The site is completely surrounded by water, and the motorhome is (thankfully) air conditioned. Setup and

take down will be easy in comparison to prior years, so you have no excuse not to drive down and join the fun.

When you see them, say thanks to this month's contributors: Doug WB5TKI, Steve W9DX, Mike K5UO, and Dave W5BXX. Without them, there would be no Bullsheet.

Please report your latest updates to W9DX so our DXCC webpage is current.

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## The Prez Sez de Doug WB5TKI

It's June, the start of Hurricane season, and it's already hitting 100 degrees. If it doesn't rain soon (Houston is almost 13" behind as of today) I'm going to have to start watering my antenna in order to keep the soil tight against the concrete base.

June is also Field Day month. Recently my wife Lynn and I accompanied Dave Topp W5BXX and his wife Lynda on a Field Day site reconnoitering trip to the Texas City dike. The dike extends almost 5 miles out into Galveston Bay and provides an excellent spot from which to mount a Field Day operation. Normally overnight camping is not allowed on the dike, but Dave received special permission from Bruce Clawson, the Texas City Emergency Management Coordinator for Friday and Saturday nights. We'll be setting up at the end of the dike with a clear shot in all directions. It should be a fun time! Please see the article by Dave in this edition of the Bullsheet for details.

There are currently 8 people signed up for the Field Day operation, so more ops are certainly welcome. There will also be a maritime mobile Field Day operation by several members of TDXS who will be operating from sailboats anchored near Redfish Island in Galveston Bay.

Due to a conflict with Ham-Com the June TDXS meeting has been cancelled. I hope that you have the opportunity to go to Plano on June 10-11 and support this great Hamfest.

73 es gud dx and contesting,

Doug WB5TKI



## From the Bullsheet Archives by Steve W9DX

**Ten years ago this month June 2001:** TDXS President Buzz Jehle N5UR reported on changes in Mexico regarding requirements for foreign hams and contest operations. XA5T was already on the endangered list. Dave Topp W5BXX was coordinating Field Day operations to take place at Bob Burn's (W5SJS) ranch near Brenham. Our very own Jan Carman K5MA had just joined the ARRL headquarters staff to supervise the league's book publishing activities.

**Twenty years ago this month June 1991:** The June meeting was held at St. John's School at Claremont & Westheimer. The program was a recap of the 1990 multi-single entry in the CQWW SSB Contest from Belize by K5GA, WB5N and W5ASP, and Field Day plans by FD chairman Bob Burns W5SJS. DX Chairman Bob Walworth AK5B (now N5ET) reported that the ZS8MI cards had just arrived, putting Linda KE5TF (SK) on the DXCC Honor Roll. Penguin Island had just been added to the DXCC entities list. Joe Staples W5ASP published a list of TDXS Field Day records from 1971-1990 with quite a few FD new records set by TDXS. Ken KE5IV (now W5AAC) gave a report on club efforts to get the new packet cluster software and hardware up and running. The latest club DXCC standings were posted with K5DX (SK) and K5AAD taking top honors in

Mixed category, K5DX (SK) and W5JWM for Phone, and K5NA and AK5B (now N5ET) for CW.

**Twenty-five years ago this month June 1986:** President Joe Staples W5ASP announced the June meeting would be held at Belaire Hospital Professional Building featuring a program by Dave W5UN on building a simple compact VHF array for moonbounce work. FD Chairman Bob Burns W5SJS had the FD crew busy "scrounging gear and making diabolical plans to snatch class 3A from the heathens" and listing team assignments. Remember TDXS was first formed as a Field Day group, so be there! Bill K2TNO gave a recap of other club newsletters. WA9VLI (now W9DX) reported the latest DX happenings, and Steve KN5H gave special emphasis on the importance of FD to TDXS. The FD location was the Demny Ranch in Walker County.

**Thirty years ago this month June 1981:** The June meeting was held at the Chimney Rock Medical Plaza on Mapleridge. FD Chairman Bob Evans N5DU (now K5WA) was rounding up the troops for another 3A operation from the Demny Ranch in Walker County. A detailed report was given on the latest ARRL Sweepstakes results with details on individual club entries with TDXS doubling its score from the prior year. TDXS participation

was so large that K5NA/2 said "force TDXS" sounded like 1 kilohertz markers on his RX on some bands!

**Thirty-five years ago this month June 1976:** TDXS President Tom Taormina WA5LES (now K5RC) and W5ZSK of the Richardson Wireless Klub announced the formation of a Texas contest club to consolidate the resources and contest scores of Texas contesters while preserving the fraternal organization of TDXS, Alamos DX Amigos, and RWK. This should yield formidable scores to unseat bigger clubs from the perennial 1-2-3 positions. Don Mayhall WA5WQF (now N5DM) was named FD Chairman with FD operations to take place from the Mayhall Farm near Navasota. TDXS announced a special banquet meeting for June 11<sup>th</sup> with Ms. Ellen White W1YL, ARRL Assistant Communication Mgr present. BS editor Kim Carr WA5WCT (now K5TU) was about to be /PY1.

**Forty years ago this month June 1971:** Richard King K5PFL (now K5NA) sent out letters to the nine charter members of TDXS discussing getting the club affiliated with ARRL, current dues collected, and ballots for electing our first president.

# TDXS Meeting Notes by Mike K5U0

**Date:** May 12 2011

**Location:** Los Tios Mexican Restaurant

**Attendance:** 11 members, 1 guest:  
WB5TKI, WF5W, N5ET, W5UQ, N5DD, NM5G, K5DD, K5LBU, N5KTN, N4AL, K5EWJ. Ron, AE5NO

Visitors: Ron Litt , AE5NO Houston

• **President [Doug, WB5TKI]:**

- ALS-600 situation:  
Due to inadequate heat-dissipation limits it may require that the club sell this amplifier. We may buy a better suited amp or borrow as necessary. Doug will discuss with the board. It is a perfectly good amp, but not suitable for ‘contest-duty-cycle’ and has failed twice. Member Bob, W5UQ has repaired the amp for the club. Thank you Bob!
- Doug solicited members to respond to Dave, W5BXX, request to confirm attendance at the Field Day site. Dave needs a head-count only at this time.

- Projector: It was discussed to consider purchasing a projector for use at meetings rather than borrowing each time. It is under consideration at this time. Members are requested to offer advice on an affordable type to purchase. Please respond to Doug, WB5TKI.

radio equipment currently on board, and discussed efforts to make it operational..

Recorded May 12 2011

Mike Bragassa, K5U0 (Absent)

Minutes taken by Doug, WB5TKI

- Field Day shirts will be available for members but MUST be ordered and paid for before June 1. Respond to Bob, WB5IUU, (bmennell (at) consolidated.net) They will have the TDXS logo and your callsign on them..

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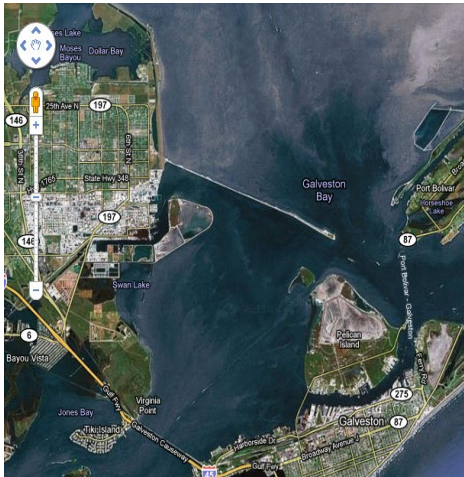
- **Presentations** Cookie K5EWJ gave an interesting presentation about the museum ships USS Cavalla and USS Stewart that \ar on display in Galveston. He discussed the history of the ships, showed photos of the





# Get Ready for TDXS Field Day 2011! de Dave W5BXX

Doug WB5TKI and I visited the FD site on the Texas City Dike Friday, along with Bruce Clawson, Emergency Management Coordinator and Home Security Director. The site is perfect.



To get there from Houston: Take I45 South toward Galveston. Take exit 16 (FM 1764) and loop over I45 to the left. Go all the way through Texas City on that road (there may be some construction and if so follow the detour signs). FM1764 becomes 9th Avenue in town but continue until it dead ends. Take a right and first left onto the dike entrance road. A toll booth is a short distance (\$5.00) and then go to the end of the dike (about 5 miles). Our spot is on a grassy knoll and overlooks everything! There is no overnight staying on the dike (after 10PM or so), but we have special privileges from Bruce Clawson to stay Friday night and Saturday night. He has/will notify the proper authorities of this. If there is a problem at the gate mention his name.



**View from station site (from top left) south, east west and north.**



They say the fishing is good there, so if you want bring your current license and equipment. Setup, operating, and tear down have priorities, however. We are planning a "test" setup at my house in Sugar Land this Saturday, the 11th, around 10:00 AM before it really gets hot!

So far we have the following members who have committed to FD:  
W5BXX, WB5TKI, W5UQ, WB5IUU, NN5O, K5EWJ, N5ET, AE5NO.



It's gonna be a fun event and at that location we may even be competitive in class 1A! We will notify the Tidelands Radio Society (Texas City) of our plans and invite some to come out and visit/operate, or whatever.

We have a couple of spare generators coming and some smaller antennas if needed.

Jim, NN5O is handling solar, satellite and message handling. Thanks Jim!

Ron, AE5NO will handle notices to officials, papers, media. Also laptop setup and scoring. Thanks Ron!

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## Get Ready for Field Day 2011 (cont.) by Dave W5BXX

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We would love to see as many members as want to come by, even if just for dinner Saturday night (plans still in the working). We will have donuts, sandwiches for other meals, along with water and drinks, etc. There's a very good BBQ place on 1764 in town and a quick stop at the entrance to the dike.

Thanks in advance to everyone who is helping to make this a fun event!

Dave  
W5BXX

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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 June.

Alex Stalinsky - WA5UHT

Joe Brassfield - N5AQT

Cal White - WF5W

Al Loeckle - K5FK

Madison Jones - W5MJ

Larry Vehorn - W9AJ

Dave Topp - W5BXX

Paul Frantz - W5PF

Mike Anderson - N5MV

Grady Ferguson - W5FU

Kirby van Horn - K7EC

Bill Stein - WB5SJS

Don Busick - K5AAD

William Goins - K5WMG

Steve Smothers - W9DX

Bob Evans - K5WA

Paul Jaeger - KY5A

Wes Spence - AC5K

Glenn Anderson - WB5TUF

Please notify the Editor if I have missed any-one.