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CONTEST TIME—AGAIN

TDXS BANQUET— A GOOD TIME FOR ALL

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Doug WB5TKI



Editor's Note by Tom N5EA

February 14th, 2013
TDXS Program will be given by Tom Campbell. See image above.

West Gulf Division Announces New Annual Division Awards see page 4.

His subject will be his trip on his sail boat to Florida and back... or one of the trips one way.

Meet our new DX chairman, Bill, WS5H. See page 6

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The Prez Sez by Doug WB5TKI

The Prez Sez

As I write this column the CQ WPX RTTY contest is raging. Even 10 m. is alive with RTTY signals (the rest of the band is dead, so it must be some funny propagation). I know that several of our members are fierce competitors in this mode, so good luck to all.

By all accounts the Annual Banquet was a roaring success. We had over 40 people in attendance and, as far as I know, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. If we keep this up, we'll need to find a larger venue! The food was great and the conversation was lively. Thanks again to DX Publishing, The Daily DX, and N3FJP Logging Software for their kind door prize donations. Congratulations go to Glenn Anderson WB5TUF for once again garnering the coveted "Yagi on a Roll" award, this time for his prowess in RTTY contesting.

Field Day is only four

months away, and at present we do not have a Field Day Chairman. Now, being Field Day Chairman doesn't mean that you need to create a 100 page master battle plan, complete with detailed diagrams. All that is really needed is a desire to have 24 hours of radio fun in an outdoor environment and an idea of how to accomplish it. Field Day, after all, is not a contest, but rather a public emergency preparedness event (a camp-out with radios). It can be as elaborate or as simple as the participants want it to be. We can even join with another club's Field Day effort. All that we need is someone to step forward and say "Yes, I'll take the lead on this one".

The February TDXS meeting will feature Tom Campbell KD5TIO, who will recount his adventures on the high, and low seas, in a program called "Forty Meters, Fair Winds, Fireballs, and Failure Investigations: A Summer Well

Spent". As usual, we will gather at Pappas BBQ for a pre-meeting bull session. This promises to be a very entertaining evening, so don't miss it!

73 es gud dx,

Doug WB5TKI



TDXS Meeting Notes by Mike K5UO

TDXS MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 26 2013

Location: ANNUAL TDXS BANQUET, Salt Grass Steakhouse

Attendance: K5UO, WB5IUU, W9DX, K5VWW, W5UQ, WB5TKI, K5DD, N5ET, N5MT, WS5H, K5EWJ, K5LBU, NM5G, W5GCX, W5BXX, KD5TIC, N5KTN, W5PF, WB5TUF, N5UR, N4AL, N5XZ, WF5W, W5PR

Visitors: AF5T and numerous wives.

TDXS Business: President Doug Seyler, WB5TKI: As this is the annual banquet and not a formal meeting, only banquet related items were presented with a few exceptions.

Doug welcomed all members and guests in attendance. It appears that there were 41 guests in attendance. An outstanding member/spouse/guest turn-out and an outstanding dinner.

Doug announced club officers for the current new year. Bob, W5UQ, who had previously announced to not carry on his po-

sition has made a wise decision and will continue to be our VP/ Programs. Please support him with your ideas for monthly programs.

Dave, W5BXX, will not continue to be Field Day Chairman, but has promised the use of his motorhome for our FD effort. This position remains open and volunteers should communicate with WB5TKI.

All other officers remain the same: President: WB5TKI, VP/ Membership: WB5IUU, Secy/Treas: K5UO, Contest Chmn: W5EWJ, DXpedition Chmn: WS5H, Repeater Chmn: WB5TUF, Communication Chmn: N5EA Bullsheet editor, Webmaster: W9DX, Outgoing QSL Manager: K5DD. President, Doug, WB5TKI presented the annual "TDXS DX Hog Of The Year" award to the most deserving contest-active member during the past year. For the second year in a row, Glenn, WB5TUF, has won this honor. Glenn is extremely active in all RTTY

contests.

A raffle was held during the banquet numerous small gifts were bestowed to many members in attendance.

An outstanding presentation!

Submitted to record January 27 2013

Mike Bragassa, K5UO



WGD ANNOUNCES NEW AWARD by David K5RAV

WGD Announces New Annual Division Awards

Director David Woolweaver is pleased to announce the creation of the West Gulf Division Annual Division Awards. There are two primary awards: Ham of the Year and Young Ham of the Year, which will be complimented by a third award, the West Gulf Division Excellence Award.

While the first two awards are self explanatory, the third award represents any Amateur Radio endeavor that the nominators feel deserves recognition. Suggested categories can be found on the Division website.

www.arrlwgd.org

They include Educator of the Year, Radio Scouter of the Year, Technical Achievement and Amateur Radio Organization of the Year among many others.

For the WGD Excellence

Award only, the nominators are not limited to the suggested categories.

Divisional Awards will be presented at the West Gulf Division Convention each year. Nominations for 2012 Award Winners will be accepted until April 15, 2013 for presentation at HamCom in June.

Nomination forms for each nominee (by category) must be supported by at least three ARRL members on the award nomination form, a minimum 150-word statement and any available supporting documentation. Other rules do apply and can be found on the WGD website at www.ARRLWGD.org.

The Division Awards judging panel consists of four (4) ARRL members, selected by each of the Section Managers in North Texas, Oklahoma,

South Texas and West

Texas Sections. The Section Manager may opt to appoint his/herself to the committee. The fifth judge is selected by the Division Director and may reside anywhere within the West Gulf Division. Neither the Division Director nor the Vice Director will participate in the vote.



ON THE HIGH SEAS by Tom KD5TIO



in 2002 so that he could develop the communication subsystems for University of Texas FASTRAC student built satellites FO-69 and FO-70 currently in orbit. Tom now works at NASA-JSC as the navigations sensor engineer for Project Morpheus.

Forty Meters, Fair Winds, Fireballs and Failure Investigations: A Summer Well Spent.

Tom Campbell KD5TIO sailed his 31ft sailboat "Solitaire", from Clear Lake Texas, to Cape Canaveral Florida and back this past summer to take part in the ill fated NASA Morpheus Lander flight test campaign. In this presentation Tom covers maritime mobile equipment and operations, Winlink performance at sea, and the navigation failure that led to the loss of the Morpheus Lander. Additional topics include water as a gearbox lubricant, illegal fishing and how to eat the evidence, and bars not to go to in Cocoa Beach.

Tom Campbell was first licensed as a technician

NEW DX CHAIRMAN by **Bill W5SH**

Hello to fellow TDXS members and to all whom has interest in the TDXS newsletter. Some time ago I had made mention that the DX Chairman appointed position should be filled. To maintain a full board for TDXS is very beneficial to our club as it is less stress for current BOD members pulling double duty and now they can be 100 % effective in their current position and duties. Guess one should watch for what he wished for as no one stepped up to the open position and I was asked if I wanted the position and I am Honored that I was voted into the appointed position of DX Chairman.

To the readers of the Bull Sheet outside of our TDXS membership may want to know a little about me. I am not near the seasoned Dyer as the other members of TDXS. My passion to learn the how and WHO's of the DX chase led me to our club meetings. Many TDXS members helped me cut my teeth in HF DX back in 2005 and I am very grateful to have been voted into membership 2011. As per my appointment, I have served on many boards in and outside of Ham radio and have never considered my

self in any way a Director however I have always maintained to be a good entrusted servant to the membership. It is of strong desire that others will fill this position when my term expires and enjoy the service work for our TDXS club. OK to the biz of things.

Topp Dx /Contest Fund: No applications have been submitted for screening and review. Developing or maintaining Dxpediton historical files: No copy of archived files received by me as per time of this article submission.

Alerting the membership of Dx operations on the air or Dxpeditons participation opportunities : As mentioned I am not the premier member to alert the DX pro's in TDXS of expeditions however to make this a very informative and interesting article slot I have decided to make this a We and not I DX review. Starting next month in the March issue of the Bull Sheet Mike N5MT will submit a DX article for our reading pleasure followed by AL N5XZ in April and in May Ron K5HM. If you are interested in submitting

an article of interest on DX please email dragntow@wt.net. I will keep poling the membership for article in June and following months.

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Bill Stone WS5H



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TDXS says "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" to these members with birthdays in February

Birthdays February 2012

Dave Blaschke - W5UN

Tom Shapiro - KD5SP Marshall Dues - K5MMD

Jim Boockholdt - N4AL

James Parnell - W5JAW

James Clark - N5RO

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