



The Bullsheet

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FIELD DAY IS COMING

FIELD DAY—JUNE 22 & 23

The BVARC/TDXS field day event is two weeks with multiple stations and antennas.

See page 5 for details.

Editor's Note by Tom N5EA

This is a re-issue with all the typos etc. corrected.

Field day should be great this year with the expanded set up with BVARC.

Mark your calendar for July 12th.

Orville, K5VWW is organizing a 'Mo Bigger" get together with dinner.

Details, in next month's issue.

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The Prez Sez by Doug WB5TKI

The Prez Sez

Well, Springtime in Houston sure was short! Now we're in the 90's, humid and buggy. And the bands aren't great either. Luckily, ham radio finds a way to get through. As I write this, 17m is full of signals. I didn't grow up with 17m, and so didn't use it for a long time. Now, however, it has become my favorite band after 20m. It seems to be open when most other bands are dead. Then again, I suspect that for every ham calling CQ on any band, there are at least 20 lurking in silence.

Congratulations to Tom Taormina, K5RC and TDXS member #13 for his perseverance and ultimate success in realizing his impressive antenna farm. Check it out at www.w7rn.com. That is one impressive setup!

There will not be a TDXS meeting in June, as we will be participating with BVARC in Field Day and that will count as the meeting. Bill Stone WS5H has done a super job of coordinating our efforts with BVARC and I really look forward to a productive and fun Field Day. And did I mention air conditioning?

I hope that you can find the time to drive out to the boonies (Richmond) and participate in this joint club effort.

Also thanks to Bill for the link to an interesting video of a 1970s era Field Day-type operation by some teenagers in California. It reminds me of a Field Day effort in a remote corner of Indiana in which I participated in the mid-1960 as a teenager. I can still recall the sound of a 400 cycle generator whining in the headphones in the middle of the night while working 40 CW.

I hope to see you at Field Day 2013 on June 22-23. It should be great fun.

73 es gud dx,

Doug WB5TKI



TDXS Meeting Notes by Mike K5UO

Date: May 09 2013
7:00-9:00pm

Location: Tracy Gee Center,
3599 Westcenter
Drive, Houston, TX
77042

Attendance: TDXS Members:
WB5TKI, K5UO,
N5KTN, WS5H,
W5GCX, N5MT,
K5EWJ, K5VWW,
WD5X, W5UQ,
WB5TUF, N5ET,
K5LBU,

Visitors: KE5NDN

President [Doug WB5TKI]:
Discussed ARRL Field
Day 22-23 June, 2013
joint effort with
BVARC. Dave,
W5BXX will have his
motor-home and an-
tenna's there in addi-
tion to what BVARC
provides. TDXS FD
coordinator, Bill,
WS5H also made
comments. He solicit-
ed members to at-
tend and help with
setup/teardown and
operate. TDXS will
donate \$100 to help
with food and drinks
at the joint field day
effort. Also ARRL/
TDXS tee-shirts are
available on a pre-
paid basis. Contact
Bob, WB5IUU
("Shirtman") at
bmennell (at) con-
solidated.net to or-

der your shirt. Mark
your calendars guys!
We need better par-
ticipation than last
year. Too much for
too few of partici-
pants is not right.

Discussed the potential
to have a dinner-
meeting style of
monthly meeting on
an occasional basis.
Received positive
feedback on this pro-
posal.

Bob, W5UQ, Program
Chairman, discussed
his upcoming pro-
gram plans. Bob al-
ways has some excel-
lent programs
planned. July will be
Frosty, K5LBU and
one of his African
trip(s).

PRESENTATION:

Member Lance, WD5K gave a
two-part presentation:

"2200 Meter Band and Power-
line Carrier". As I understand,
Lance's company, "Center
Point Energy" will be involved
in a pending FCC "NPRM" to
allow utility companies to use
the 2200 Meter band for very
low power inter-equipment
(transformer grid) communica-
tion. He emphasized that this
not BPL or any resemblance of
it.

The 2200 meter band is
an allocated amateur radio
band but never FCC ap-
proved

or utilized. He said that
there are already numerous
low-power unregulated us-
es within

this band such as garage
door openers and the like.

Lance's second presentation
was that his wife, also a ham...
and a travel agent, has

another Caribbean ham
cruise planned out of the
Galveston port. He re-
viewed with graphics,
several of the successful
ham cruises of past. This
last cruise, with two sta-
tions

setups and a lot of use
netted 2000 QSO's from
38 countries and 45
states.

Submitted to record May 09,
2013

Mike Bragassa, K5UO
Secy/Treas



DX REPORT by Bill WS5H

DX Chairman Report.

Topp Dx /Contest Fund: No applications have been submitted for screening and review.

Developing or maintaining DXpedition historical files: No copy of archived files received by me as per time of this article submission.

DX contact on Field Day? As we in TDXS know and some readers may not, DX is good for the point. Just enter DX in place of section and hit enter! Don't get stumped by Gud DX in the FD log. Put that DX in the Log!

I still need TDXS members to fill in for the write-ups in this segment of our BullSheet. Remember we were to have a different member each month to do a write up of their DX efforts and maybe report some good upcoming DXpeditions.

I have been busy with my small part in MSWE USS Stewart radio room operations and now that that is behind us Field Day is just less than 2 weeks away. I am sorry that I did not allot more time to this monthly DX effort. I was blessed with my Daughter and Grand Daughter this weekend at the QTH so.... Well no excuse required.

Here is a few of the many DX opportunities to jump into the log.

OD5ZZ is currently active from Lebanon and on air now.

VE3DZ will be active from Bermuda through May 30th as VP9FOC

He will be operational on all of the High Frequency bands QSL via home call.

UT6UD will be operational from Hiva Oa Island in the Marquesas from July 7th to the 13th and from Rurutu in the Austral Islands from July 14th to the 22nd operating stroke F Oh. He will be active on 30 through 10 meters on CW , SSB , RTTY. QSL via his home call of UT6UD

Laos XW0YJY LOTW June 15th to Sept 14th - Botswana A25RJ June 15-20 - Market Reef OJ0V July 1st - 6th - Ghana 9G5AA July 2nd to 7th - Temotu H40IO-TA July 14 though 16th (The date may vary for Temotu) - Svalbard JW9JKA June 16th - 30th. Don't forget RSGB IOTA Contest July 27th through the 28th.

Go Get A New One in the log.

73 Bill WS5H



THOUGHTS ON FIELD DAY by Bill WS5H

BVARC / TDXS Joint Club
FIELD DAY 2013

CQ CQ Field Day K5DX GO-
TA / CQ CQ KK5W Field Day
KK5W 8 A STX

We as a two-club effort will set-
up 10 plus stations to maintain
the 8 Alpha station status for
Field Day 2013

Field Day is a Go at the Fort
Bend County Fire Field on 260
Clay St. also known as the
Richmond Fire Training
Grounds in Richmond Texas
very near Highway 90 and
Brazos River. Talk in repeater
146.940 negative offset 167.9
tone.

Scroll down on this web site for
a map to FD site. For now till
the real FD map is out this will
work. Just copy and paste to
your browser.

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ment/1528/253675/1/2009%
20Field%20Day%20Flyer%20E
-Mail.pdf](http://www.fbcoem.org/external/content/docu-ment/1528/253675/1/2009%20Field%20Day%20Flyer%20E-Mail.pdf)

This year as the Make Ready of
the RV and antennas is Field
Day related - IF YOU CAN NOT
MAKE IT TO FIELD DAY BUT
HAVE THE TIME TO SHOW UP
FOR THE RV MAKE READY
YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SIGN

THE MEMBER MEETING
CREDIT LIST FOR MEETING
CREDIT. Look for the date and
time of the setup after this
weekend on our TDXS reflec-
tor.

The joint club FD chairman are:
THE BVARC CHAIRMAN
K5NGU Matt Tatro, Ron Litt
K5HM BVARC / TDXS member
co-chairman, Rick Hiller W5RH
BVARC co chairman antennas
and Bill Stone WS5H TDXS FD
Chairman.

Thanks to Richard King TDXS
member # 1 we will have a
band filter for 160-meter oper-
ations this year. I was told (and
know) 160 in the summer is a
looser (challenge) and I bet a
box of doughnuts between 2
high blood sugar guys we
could make 10 contacts on 160.
Think we will make at least 11
contacts before we rag chew
and do some cloud burning
with long QSO's when / if 10
meters goes dead at night.

Look for us on 160 late night for
a chat and even give a point. I
like doughnuts so jump in on
the fun from the home QTH if
you can't make it to FD.

There will be 2 troops of Boy
Scouts helping us all out with
setup and breakdown. They
and the Scout Masters will get
on the air at the K5DX GOTA
station and also Ham licensed
Boy Scouts to work the 10-m
station op slots. We need some
more watchful eyes on the

TDXS GOTA station so volley
anyone to take a hr at the sta-
tion? Scott NT5SM can use a
break too.

I am the 10-meter Captain of 2
stations. One will be for CW /
digital and the other is for SSB
10 meters and 160 at night if 10
goes dead. I will need much
help with the CW /DIGI station.
The SSB station is set away
from the main row of Alpha sta-
tions in its own room. This sta-
tion will have an external
speaker with a stereo cord to
plug up your headset and still
be able to hear the incoming Q
through the speaker. With the
slightest band opening this sta-
tion in the past made many SSB
Q's (1 year 2nd best under 20
meters) The actual 2 way Q
heard by on lookers has
helped spit the frog out of new
hams mouth and led them to
become testers. I can use a
CO-OX for the 10 meter 2 sta-
tion setup. Any volleys?

SPECIAL HINT - The BBQ is
very good and served between
5 and 7 PM Saturday. Let's sit,
break bread, and enjoy a great
meal together

TDXS has No general member-
ship meeting in June as we sign
the member sheet at FD. If you
live close to Sugarland we are
invited to the BVARC meeting
for other updates on TDXS/
BVARC FD 2013.

73 WS5H Bill

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How to reach US

On the World Wide Web <http://www.tdxs.net> email address: k5dx@tdxs.net

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 June

Birthdays June 2013

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

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