



# The Bullsheet

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## November Program:

### “Design of Emergency Ham Radio Stations” by Peyton Barnes KE5ZDZ

Parameters for designing an emergency ham radio station will be presented and stations that were developed and tested will be shown for two specific situations: At home for the post-hurricane environment, and post-earthquake infrastructure failure as in Haiti. Radio systems will be offered for inspection.

My background: I am a 70-year old retired surgeon and I currently serve as a member of ARES and CERT, and as a docent at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, where I give tours of the Hall of Paleontology and the Hall of Energy.



Peyton - KE5ZDZ

## Editor's Note by Allen N5XZ

It's November and the bands are still hopping with good DX, partially due to the continued excellent flux numbers and also with all these DXpeditions happening almost simultaneously. Between working TX5RV (Austral Is.), 5J0R (San Andres Is.), K9W (Wake Is.), XR0YY (Easter Is.), T30FL (W. Kiribati Is.), FW5JJ (Wallis Is.), T33A (Banaba Is.), JD1BYT/JD1BOI (Ogasawara Is.) and

XR0ZR (Juan Fernandez Is.) on multiple new bands and modes, my head is spinning! I just got started on RTTY recently and so far have 86 countries and 47 states, so it looks like I have found another mode to keep me busy. Nobody answered my question last week regarding the change made by Glenn WB5TUF to the CW ID message on the .36 re-

peater, so I'll give y'all one more month. (Maybe nobody's reading the Editor's Notes??) Not much else, but it is still tough some times to get articles (monthly or other) in a timely fashion. C'mon guys! You got all month to get something together for the BS! Please belly up to the bar and get them to me before the cut-off date! 73, Allen N5XZ

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# The Prez Sez by Doug WB5TKI

## The Prez Sez

As usual while writing this column, I'm listening to the radio. I took the afternoon off from work, and this afternoon has been fruitful. 5J0R, T33A, K9W AND CE0YHO are in the log-book. This is partly due to the new amp, a Tokyo Hy-Power 1.5KFX. Fan noise is a bit annoying, but the instant on, no tune and auto band switch is great! Watch out world, here I come (with my vertical antenna....oh well).

Please remember that our new meeting schedule for 2014 has lots of open dates for dinner meetings. I urge you to pick a date and ramrod a dinner meeting. All that it takes is a restaurant with a private room. Give it a go, and let Bill Stone WS5H know about it so that he can coordinate.

At the October meeting we took nominations from the floor for 2014 officers. There

being only one nomination per spot, we elected them by acclamation. They are:

**President: Bob Hardie W5UQ**

**Vice-president/Membership: Steve Smothers, W9DX**

**Vice-president/Programs: Lance Rumfield, WD5X**

**Secretary: Arthur Alvarez, N5KTN**

**Treasurer: Mike Bragassa, K5UO**

I congratulate and thank these fine individuals for stepping up to serve the club.

For our November TDXS meeting we are pleased to host Dr. Peyton Barnes MD, KE5ZDZ. He will present a look at the design of emergency ham radio stations. Given the weather that occasionally hits the Texas Gulf Coast, this should be a

very informative discussion. As usual, we will gather at Pappas BBQ for a pre-meeting bull session. I hope to see you there!

73 es gud dx,

Doug WB5TKI



# TDXS Meeting Notes by Mike K5UO

## TDXS Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 10, 2013  
7:00-9:00pm

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

**Attendance:** TDXS Members:  
Doug (WB5TKI),  
Mike (K5UO),  
Bob (WB5IUU),  
Bob (N5ET),  
Bob (W5UQ),  
Keith (NM5G),  
Bob (WB5IUU),  
Steve (W9DX),  
Scott (K5DD),  
Orville (K5VWW),  
Lance (WD5X),  
Ed (W5GCX),  
Arthur (N5KTN)

Visitors: N5AUS

• **President [Doug, WB5TKI]:**  
**TDXS Leadership nominations**  
**for 2014:**

**Nominations received and**  
**accepted via in person pres-**  
**ence:**

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**K5UO**

**Membership [Bob, WB5IUU]:**  
**Nothing to report**

**Repeater Chairman [Glen,**  
**WB5TUF] Not present.**

**Program Chairman [Bob,**  
**W5UQ)**

John gave an excellent presenta-  
tion on various issues that he and  
Director Dr David Woolweaver  
face regarding the ARRL:

1. The ARRL will celebrate a 100  
year celebration during 2014 at  
Newington. Their exists the po-  
tential that Texas may take a bus-  
group to Newington to participate  
in the celebration. More details  
later as they may develop.

2. Life-membership status: Still  
not approved, but many are  
pushing for this feature.

3. There are numerous budget  
issues and pressures. Many pro-  
jects are not going as they should  
due to the lack of funds. The  
ARRL's needs are spread too thin.

Examples are lobby-needs to  
cope with our legislature as re-  
gards intrusion into ham-bands  
by various industries and  
workgroups, promoting amateur  
radio expansion...and LoTW.

LoTW: LoTW is a worldwide ser-  
vice! John presented a review of  
the problems of LoTW's populari-  
ty world-wide with extremely in-

adequate equipment and technol-  
ogy. He presented what has oc-  
curred to remedy this problem.  
LoTW is on the right track....now.

John's presentation was very well  
done and appreciated by those in  
attendance. This type of presenta-  
tion is welcomed at least on an  
annual basis as the TDXS mem-  
bers are staunch ARRL and LoTW  
supporters.



# DX Report by Bill WS5H

Lots of Islands on the air at the time of this article. T33A Bana-ba and K9W Wake have found there way into my and the on line log for 10 meter SSB. Both are LOTW users. XR0ZR Juan Fernandez Island was a slam dunk on 10 SSB as well however a 6 month wait for that to show on LOTW unless used the QORS /contribution method.

I got a big kick out of the past CQWW SSB contest as well. Good to hear 10 meters open up and down the entire band. Even heard stations trying to find a clear frequency and setting up in the beacon portion of the ten meter band. I did not try to work those guys. If you were listening when Mozambique and Tanzania were on 10 meters you would have heard all the big gun big name sta-

tions trying to work the simplex zoo. Found it kind of hard for the pee wee station to get them into the log when the 1,499.999+ watt super antenna stations were having trouble with the voice keyer stuck in the on position until there call was recognized. Ham Radio DX...what a blast when the band is open.

Nothing new as per Topp DX / Contest Fund or Developing or maintaining DXpedition historical files.

On a final note- 6 members of BVARC Club have made nominations of me to an open BOD position in the upcoming November BVARC elections. I hope a brighter bulb on the BVARC Club tree than me will

step up to the PREZ position as a candidate. If not I feel obligated to serve the membership if elected. We of TDXS may want to find a new DX Chairman as I know I will have my hands full for a few years however will still make more than the minimum meetings for credits. Let myself and the current TDXS BOD know if you would like to serve as TDXS DX Chairman.

73 and get the new one in the log.

Bill WS5H



## Elecraft K3/0 MINI – Super WOW..!!



From the Dayton 2013 Hamfest – Elecraft introduced the K3/0 MINI (no RF) for remote control of a home or contest station – this baby is a shrunken-size of the original K3/0 to where it's only about 2" deep, yet retains the full K3 front-panel. It interfaces to the RemoteRig box with a single cable and can even be powered by it- although speaker volume is limited with not powered externally. The unit has a USB interface, so that you can have full PC control of the unit as well (PC-remote head-home station) – VERY COOL.

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Availability is expected for late July or early August – pricing will be \$699 (same as the current K3/0). Gotta get one..!!

Update : forgot to mention that it has stereo speakers, so full audio effects are possible, such as VFO-A in the left ear, with VFO-B in the right. Great for searching out DX on split (if your brain can handle that).

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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 November

Keith Huges - KA5F

Joe Staples - W5ASP

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Chuck Dietz - W5PR

John Davis - KN5T

Bill Eckenrode - W5SG

Jim Carmody - NN5O

Bob Chmielewski - N5PJI

Bruce Meier - N1LN

Ed Gerber - W5GCX

Chuck Hornburg - K5IX

Don Mayhall - N5DM

Don Daze - N5DD

Matt Thomas - WX5S

Willis "Cookie" Cooke –  
K5EWJ