

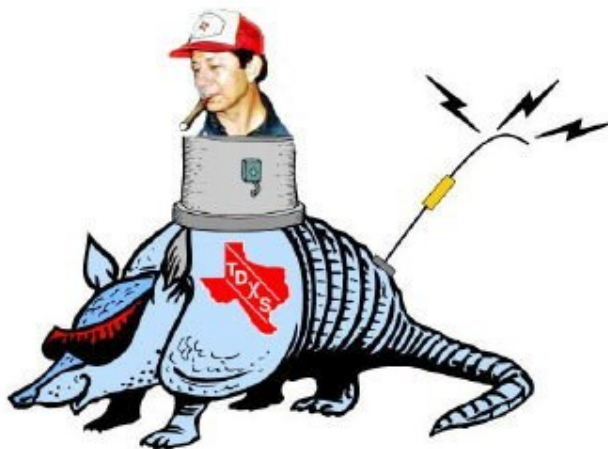


# The Bullsheet

The Official News Bulletin of  
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An ARRL Affiliated Club

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**August 13, 7PM: TDXS Monthly Meeting Night at the [Tracy Gee Center](#), 3599 Westcenter Dr., Houston TX 77042. The program this month is "Texas QSO Party" by Keith Dutson, NM5G.**



## Editor's Note by Allen N5XZ

Boy it is HOT outside!! I guess we're in the middle of another drought...after having a very long rainy season. It's been near 100 degrees every day for a while (and when I say 'near' that could mean over 100 degrees). Coupled with the lovely humidity we get around here, that means some days (like today) the heat index is 110° or so! So if you plan to do any antenna work (or any other work) outside, drink a lot of water.

Doug, WB5TKI came over to my place a few weeks ago to help with the concrete pour (finally) but of course I had to schedule it for the afternoon—3 pm to be exact. And I am sure it was close to 100° that day. I think I very nearly had a light case of heat exhaustion...it took me several days to recover. But the 'crete got poured, and in the

hole I placed the obligatory JT card, along with a P5 card, and other cards from EU, AS, OC, AF and NA. Also, I dropped an N5XZ license plate. Last but no least, we cannot forget the three frogs who had found their way into the hole. I couldn't rescue them before the pour so they gave their lives to advance the art of DXing and Contesting. I nicknamed all of them "Jimmy". I think the DX gods will be cool with that!

Don't forget about the Old Codger's Night next month at Los Tios Mexican Restaurant on Westheimer and Tanglewilde. More info on page 8.

We have a new monthly contributor starting this month. Ron Litt K5HM will be supplying contest information in his "Radiosport Items of Note" column. I hope he will continue to enlighten us with

his "Where in the World Is" articles every month as well.

I just finished operating the WAE CW contest a few hours ago, and as always I had a lot of fun! I really like the QTC exchanges...makes that contest more interesting and is unique.

Lastly, as most of you know, we lost a TDXS member during August...Bill Stone WS5H passed away from cancer. We will certainly miss Bill, he was one of a kind! Bill was a big 10-10 fan and he passed just before the 10-10 contest, so the local 10-10 chapter dedicated the contest to his memory...I know Bill was up there listening, anyway. 73, Bill. CU in the BIG Contest!

Thanks and 73,  
73, Allen N5XZ

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# The Prez Sez

by Bob, W5UQ

Bob wasn't able to get an article to me this month. Look for his 'Prez Sez' in next month's issue.

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## July Secretary's Report by Doug Seyler WB5TKI

### TDXS July 2015 Meeting Minutes

**Date:** July 15, 2015

**Location:** Rudy's BBQ, Northwest Houston, TX

**Attendance:** TDXS Members: WB5TKI, W5UQ, K5UO, W9DX, N5MT, WD5X, W5PR, WG5H, N5ET, K5VWW, K5DD, KG5U, NM5G, K5HM

Visitors: Jerry Muller K5GM, Leslie Bartosh AD5WB, Georgina Frantz, Beth Dutson

The July meeting was a dinner get-together at Rudy's BBQ on 290 in northwest Houston. Accordingly, there was no formal program. Brief officer reports were given:

Mike N5MT – Field Day results are not yet final, but the tri-club effort did very well, breaking our total from last year.

Steve W9DX is transferring his duties to others in preparation for his move to Illinois next year. Orville W5VWW will take over trusteeship for W9DX and Scott N5DD will take over the website maintenance.

Doug WB5TKI gave the Secretary's report – Work on the Constitution revision is ongoing, and the sale of Arthur Alvarez N5KTN ham gear estate will greatly benefit TDXS, as he stipulated that ½ of the total proceeds be donated to TDXS.

Lance WD5X announced that the program for August will be the Texas QSO party, September will be Old Codgers' Night at Los Tios, and a speaker has yet to be determined for the October meeting.

Dale KG5U announced that the CWOPS CWT cw-only contest will be held on Sept. 5, 2015. Exchange is SN and state.

Submitted August 8, 2015

Doug Seyler WB5TKI

TDXS Secretary



# DX Report by Orville Burg K5VWW

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Congratulations are in order for Mike, N5MT having worked the first ever 10-10 award for having worked 300 countries, each of which were operated by 10-10 members.  
Way to go Mike!

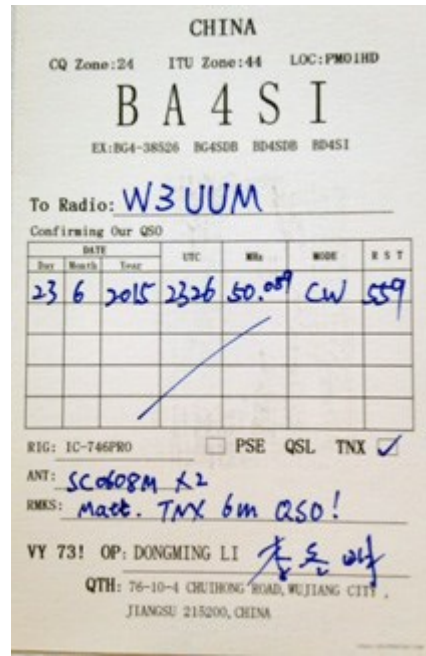
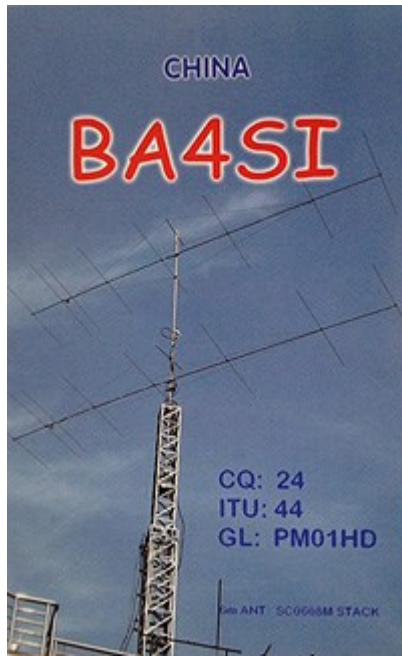
The bands have been fairly quiet for the past few weeks. There has been some activity, mostly from the Caribbean, Southern Pacific and Indian Oceans.

The east coast has been having a great time working 6M into VP2E, KV4FZ, FM7, CO, and YV. Propagation did not favor the Houston area but a few QSO's were made.

Activity was noted from stations activating IOTA locations including E51, YJ, 9V, S7 as well as V8.

TDXS member UA4WHX, Vlad, has been operating from his Egyptian QTH as SU9VB. Madagascar has been active with 5R8UI on 15M.

Matt, W3UUM, received his QSL for his QSO with BA4SI for a rare one on 6M.



If you have a QSL you consider notable, such as N5ET's P5 CW card, or N5AF's RAEM QSL, please let me know so an image might be included in this column.

Personally, I am looking forward to the fall and winter which will present DX operations from scarce locations such as VKØEK, Heard Isl., VP8STI, South Sandwich Isl. and VP8SGI, South Georgia Isl. Chesterfield Isl. is on track for the October 2<sup>nd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> activation as TX3X. LA7GIA will be operating from November 12<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> from Equatorial Guinea, 3C.

Good DXing.



## Radiosport Items of Note for August—by Ron Litt K5HM

### Radiosport Items of Note for August 2015

For a complete list of contests click the link below

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

State QSO Parties – An easy way to try a contest for the first time. State QSO Parties are relaxed events. If you happen to need these states for WAS, they are a great way to work states to work states you can't easily find on the bands otherwise.

Maryland-DC QSO Party– August 8-9

Hawaii QSO Party Aug 22 – 24

Ohio QSO Party Aug 22-23

Kansas QSO Party Aug 29 - 30

#### Mixed Mode Contests

W/VE Islands QSO Party – August 18-19

International Lighthouse -.Lightship Contest August 1-2

#### SSB Contests

10-10 Summer Contest, SSB August 1 – 2

North American QSO Party, SSB August 15-16

#### CW Contests

North American QSO Party, CW – August 1-2

WAE DX Contest, CW - August 8-9

#### Digital Contests

TARA Grid Dip Shindig - August 1<sup>st</sup>

ARRL Rookie Roundup RTTY – August 16

#### Selected Special Event Activities

225<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the US Coast Guard – Various Stations August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Indianapolis Moto GP August 3 – 9 – W9IMS May 18 - May 24, W9IMS

Indiana State Fair August 7-24, W9ISF

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canadian Maple Leaf Flag – August 19-24, CZ2F

#### And The Ever Popular . . .

40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hoffa Disappearance Jul 30 – August 2, W9H

For details on every Special Event in August, go to

[http://www.arrl.org/special\\_events/search/page:3/Date.start:2015-08-01/Date.end:2015-08-31/model:Event](http://www.arrl.org/special_events/search/page:3/Date.start:2015-08-01/Date.end:2015-08-31/model:Event)

Reporting from the Dark Side,

Ron, K5HM

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# Where in the World is ... Armenia (EK) by Ron Litt K5HM

Where in the World is. . .

Armenia (EK)

CQ Zone 21

After working an Armenian Special Event station, EK100GM, I was motivated to do some research on this DXCC entity. I had no idea exactly where it is or if was even a country.



Armenia shares borders with Turkey, Georgia and Azerbaijan and claims it was the first nation to formally adopt Christianity (early 4th century).

The station was commemorating 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armenian Genocide which began in 1915, during World War I in the western portion of Armenia, the Ottoman Empire instituted a policy of forced resettlement coupled with other harsh practices that resulted in at least 1 million Armenian deaths.

Despite periods of autonomy, over the centuries Armenia came under the sway of various empires including the Roman, Byzantine, Arab, Persian, and Ottoman.

Armenian leaders remain preoccupied by the long conflict with Azerbaijan over Nagorno-Karabakh, a primarily Armenian-populated region, assigned to Soviet Azerbaijan in the 1920s. The Armenian economy has suffered in its development as a result of the prolonged conflict with Azerbaijan.



Armenia and Azerbaijan began fighting over the area in 1988; the struggle escalated after both countries attained independence from the Soviet Union in 1991. By May 1994, when a cease-fire took hold, ethnic Armenian forces held not only Nagorno-Karabakh but also seven surrounding regions, approximately 14 percent of Azerbaijan's territory.

The capitol, Yerevan is the economic and cultural center of Armenia. It presently maintains good relations with almost every country in the world, with two major exceptions, its immediate neighbors Turkey and Azerbaijan. Tensions were running high between Armenians and Azerbaijanis during the final years of the Soviet Union. The Nagorno-Karabakh War dominated the region's politics throughout the 1990s. The border between the two rival countries remains closed up to this day, and a permanent solution for the conflict has not been reached.

The country has a temperate climate with hot summers and cold winters. It is a landlocked mountainous country. Approximately 60% of the land is agricultural

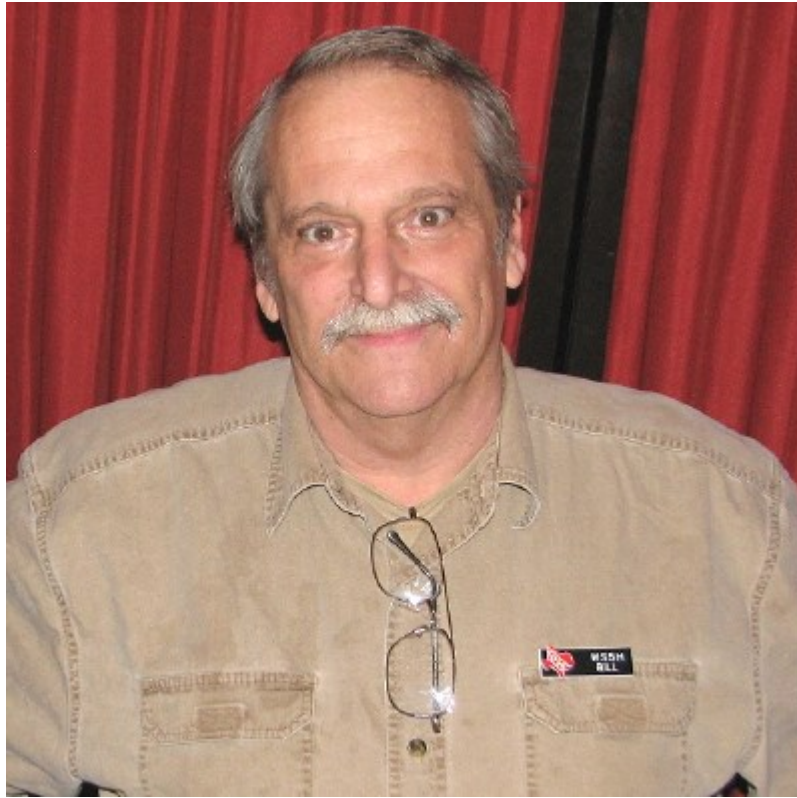
Mount Ararat, which was historically part of Armenia, is the highest mountain in the region. Now located in Turkey, but clearly visible in Armenia, it is regarded by the Armenians as a symbol of their land. Because of this, the mountain is present on the Armenian national emblem today.

There are approximately 200 licensed amateurs in Armenia, according to QRZ.com. Armenia ranks 179<sup>th</sup> on the DXCC Most wanted list at on Club Log.

Reporting from the Dark Side,  
Ron, K5HM



## In Memory of...Bill Stone WS5H



*In memory of our friend,*  
**William "Bill" D. Stone - WS5H**  
**July 31, 2015**



**3rd Annual Old Codgers Dinner Meeting—Sept 23rd, at 6:30 PM  
Los Tios Mexican Restaurant, 9527 Westheimer Road, Houston, TX 77063**



**2015 TDXS Old Codgers Dinner Meeting!**

It is almost time for all the TDXS Old Codgers to get primed with Hadacol or Geritol and come party!

The 3rd annual Old Codgers dinner meeting will occur on Wednesday, September 23rd, at 6:30 (23:30 UTC), and last until 9:00 or whenever they chase us out the door. It will be held at the Los Tios Mexican Restaurant located at 9527 Westheimer, Houston 77063. Ordering will be done from the menu so as to not restrict culinary choices. We will have a private dining room arranged by Lance, WD5X.

Thus far we have almost 30 signed up to attend, so we should have a good crowd. **TDXS "Numero Uno", Richard King, K5NA, and wife, Susan, K5DU, will be there. Number 2, Wes Whiddon, N5WW will be there as well.**

Please RSVP to [k5vww@tdxs.net](mailto:k5vww@tdxs.net) in order that we might get an approximate head count to size the exclusive private dining area. Please let us know your approximate number of attendees or if you will not be able to join us.

We hope to see you there, and please bring your XYL, girlfriend, boyfriend, or neighbor as this is a party meeting.

73,

Orville, K5VWW





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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 August

Please notify the Editor if I have missed anyone

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