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July 15th, Wednesday 6:30 PM: TDXS Dinner Meeting Night. See map on page 11

Rudy's BBQ

14620 Northwest Fwy

Houston, TX 77040



Editor's Note by Allen N5XZ

The joint BVARC / TDXS / Echo Field Day 2015 was a great success! I admit it, there were times when I just wasn't sure how well it would go, but Mike N5MT and Mike N5VCX really pulled it off. My hats off to both of them. I would also like to recognize Glenn, WB5TUF for providing computers, network support and operating time (digital Q's) to the event. I also want to recognize Roy (Quack) AD5Q for antenna support and operating time (lots of CW Q's on 40 meters). Please read Mike N5MT's Field Day report later in this newsletter. We made more points this year even before adding in Bonus and GOTA

points! One antenna was even supported with a 60 foot manlift provided by a BVARC member. Here is a preliminary breakdown of points this year (all the bonus points are not in as of press time, so they will increase a bit:

- 4,346 QSO's
- 15,026 basic points
- 1,450 Bonus points
- 120 GOTA QSO's
- 16,596 Total Points

This number is good enough to have put us in 9th place last year. We increased our score by 1,672 points. We increased our QSO total by 583.

Way to go TDXS / BVARC / Echo team!

The bands were fair otherwise, N5XZ put the following DX of note in the log for June:

- 7X2VX, O19VB (special call by Vlad UA4WHX in "The Republic of Khussar Iryston (South Ossetia)"),
- VU2PHD, FY/F5UII,
- 9M6XRO, CN8KD,
- VP2MTT, OX3DB,
- T31LP, E51DWC,
- E41WT, TJ3SN, 4O7CC,
- etc.

Thanks and 73,
73, Allen N5XZ

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The Prez Sez by Bob, W5UQ

Prez sez for July 2015:

Hi all,

By now the Field Day activities are over and everyone is basically back to normal activities. Of course the 4th of July was celebrated.

Our next TDXS activity is: Dinner Out Night on **July 15th, which is a Wednesday**. **And the time is 6:30pm**.

It will be at:

Rudy's BBQ
14620 Northwest Free-
way
Houston, TX 77040

Come have fun with us and have some TDXS fun. And we may just hear some of the Field Day activities too.

It's that time of the year that outdoor activities are not as fun as during the fall, winter and spring. The humidity and heat are beginning to overwhelm one when going outside. Not to mention those darn mosquitoes.

So maybe planning some indoor activities may be best. Like contesting and DXing.

We just came back from Germany and Friedrichshafen hamfest. As always, it is quite the hamfest. Nothing like Dayton, however, it has attendance that can equal or exceed the Dayton attendance. What I mean by nothing like the Dayton hamfest is, this hamfest is a lot easier to find your way around. Being in a very nice convention center. We spent two full days plundering the fleamarket, indoors of course and air conditioned. As well as the large commercial area, indoors and air conditioned as well.

The eating areas are several. You can eat indoors or outside. And at this time of year, in Germany, the weather is wonderful. In the evening, one can find the restaurants, where there are many of them and most have outdoors eating, full of pleasant locals as well as other hams, who are from all over the world. Most speak at least a little English.

We met several nice hams. One that

comes to mind is Mac, JA3USA and his wife. They were very nice and we enjoyed talking to them as we ate.

FYI, Friedrichshafen is built alongside a very large lake, Lake Konstanz. There are sail boats and lots of activity on the lake.

Since we chose to fly into Zurich, we took the rail to a city named Romanshorn, which is on the Switzerland side of the lake. Then we took the ferry crossing the lake to Friedrichshafen, on the German side. We also took the ferry to return to Zurich, where we flew out. It is a very pleasant and beautiful trip. This is a trip that almost any ham would enjoy.

With pictures of our trip, we can enjoy it in our "later years" when we are no longer able to travel. Thank you for indulging me, telling you of our trip. I did so only to encourage you to consider making plans to visit one of the biggest and nicest hamfests in the world someday.

See you next month.

Bob Hardie W5UQ



June Secretary's Report by Doug Seyler WB5TKI

TDXS June 2015 Meeting Minutes

Field Day

Date: June 27-28, 2015

Location: Fort Bend County Fire Training Field, Richmond, TX

Attendance: TDXS Members: Cookie K5EWJ, Curt WG5H, Tom N5EA, Orville K5VWW, Robie AJ4F, Glen WB5TUF, Doug WB5TKI, Nike N5MT, Bill WS5H, Al N5XZ

The TDXS meeting for June was, as usual, Field Day. As in the last couple of years, we joined forces with BVARC and ECHO. We operated 8A, plus a GOTA and a VHF station. Total attendance at the event was 86, including 10 from TDXS. A special guest on Saturday was David Woolweaver K5RAV , Director of the West Gulf Division of ARRL.

If any current or prospective TDXS members did not get onto the sign-up sheets, please let me know so that I can record your attendance for meeting credit.

Submitted July 3, 2015

Doug Seyler WB5TKI

TDXS Secretary



DX Report by Orville Burg K5VWW

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The bands have been fairly quiet and DXpeditions have been slow in appearing.

Six meters has been the big story in the Houston area this past month with multi-hop Es openings occurring almost daily. Stateside propagation was very common and then there was the 22nd of June when things went wild. There was an extended opening into Europe which included, from Houston, qso's with 9A, CT, EA6, F, HA, HV, I, ISØ, OE, ON, PA, S5, SV2 and YT. Also included in the mix were 6Y5, C6, FG8, VP9 and XE.

Robie, AJ4F, has been active on JT65 on 6M and worked Wyoming on 2M Es during the big opening on June 23rd.

Six meter openings also occurred to JA and Asia. Wes, AC5K, managed to work a JA which fulfilled his last requirement for 6M Worked All Continents.

Congratulations are definitely in order to Larry, K5RK, and Matt, W3UUM, who were able to work BA8LI for a new one on 6M.

Field Day operators in the Houston area on 6M were surprised by calls from CT on 6M. Such are occurrences on the "Magic Band."

On the low bands upcoming operations are:

E51AGY - South Cook islands - 7/6 to 8/1

S79OWZ - Seychelles - 7/7 to 7/18

SV9/S5500 - Crete - 7/8 to 7/10

3B8HC - Mauritius - 7/9 to 7/25

OJØS - Market Reef - 7/11 to 7/18

Good DX.

Field Day 2015 by Mike Davidson N5MT

Happy 4th of July to everyone. I hope some of you were able to operate during the 2015 Field Day from home or at our special three club FD site at the Richmond Fire Training grounds.

The planning for this year started several weeks ago with my counter part from BVARC, Mike Hardwick N5VCX who is acting President for BVARC due to Bill Stone WS5H having a medical problem.

We planned to have our Field Day site similar to last year at the RFT grounds and maybe have one additional transmitter for a 9A site instead of the 8A classification that we used last year where we came in 12th in the world! I think that was a record for a TDXS/BVARC/ECHO type Field Day as we had a good run of luck during 2014. But what about this year?

The most important goal I had was keeping the site operating a full 24 hours. Last year there was a lot of quiet time on the SSB stations during the late night times. So we kept stressing this point to our members to get out the ops for our late night operations and keep the Q rate flowing better this year. That was my number one goal for this year.

We were hoping to use the RV that Dave W5BXX owns again this year. The RV has a nice crank up tower for a T8 log periodic and we also put a six meter station on a support. Last year we had two RTTY stations and the six meter in the RV. But Murphy did not let us use the RV as it has an electrical short that is yet to be found so the AC was not working plus maybe a few other things not working on the RV. The mechanic has yet to find the short so we did not try to use the RV this year. Thanks for the try Dave.

To counter the loss of the tower and antenna on the RV, one of the BVARC members made arrangements to have a 60 foot boom man-lift come out to the Fday site and give us a tower for the CW antenna. The three CW stations share a tri-band antenna on this tower using a tri-plexer filter so three stations can use the same feed line and antenna! This makes for a more efficient use of resources and more points! Last year the CW stations kept the night time QSO rate up and making points for us and we wanted this to be another priority item for Fday 2015. And yes, the CW ops made more Q's than the SSB guys especially during the night time hours this year!

At the last board of directors meeting, I made a motion to purchase an antenna or two for Field Day since most of our equipment has gone by the wayside over the years. Well, a TH6 tri-bander became available and it was purchased and brought back to Houston by truck by Cookie K5EWJ and taken out to the FD site for use. The TH6 was put together and mounted on the 60 ft man-lift and when the SWR was checked with an antenna analyzer, we found that it would not work on 20 meters. After three hours of analysis, no one could fix the problem with the 20 meter trap on the driven element. A decision was made to take the TH6 off the man-lift and replace it with a good A3 tri-band antenna that was going to be used for CW. So we will have to do more antenna fixing in order to get this used TH6 to be able to operate correctly for 20 meters which is our most important band for Field Day!

So, by late Friday June 26th, we had two operational tri-band antennas up in the air, we had a 50 meter rotatable dipole mounted above the SSB tri-band antenna on its tower, we had a two element 40 CW wire beam mounted on the repelling tower and a wire antenna for 80 CW. We missed putting up a 75 meter antenna for SSB so we lost a few points without a 75 mtr antenna.

On Saturday morning we put up two short towers for our RTTY and the GOTO station. Each tower had a two element tri-band antenna, one had a six meter 3 element beam and the other had a 40/80 dipole for RTTY. It was a very hard task to push up one of these towers using several people to go from the ground up and secure it to the outsides of a building but we managed to do it. When FD was over, we used the man-lift to help take down this tower and it was much safer and no strain on the helpers that put it up! Yes the man-lift was worth it...

There were extra radios brought out by different members, some of which had never operated at FD before so my thanks to all that helped with loaning us a radio or two. Just after we started FD at 1 pm local time, one of the three primary CW radios became unusable, it malfunctioned. So, one of my new friends Larry Miller KD5NPB, had brought his new Yaesu radio out to FD as a spare just in case. Larry had never setup and made a CW contact with the radio so it took a few minutes looking in the manual to setup all the CW functions before the radio actually sent CW! But we used it all weekend long as the 15/40 CW station, so thanks Larry.

I brought out a storage battery that had been charged by a large solar cell at my house so we could get credit for the solar energy bonus. I hooked up a Yaesu FT100 to the battery and made 8 contacts with it on the 10 meter SSB station for the 100 points bonus.

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Field Day 2015 by Mike Davidson N5MT

The tri-plexer that ECHO supplied for the SSB stations was used for the first time in 2014 and we had no trouble with it last year. But someone must have put power into the 15 meter section as the SWR was not ok on 15 going through the tri-plexer. I opened up the box and found a capacitor that looked like it needed to be replaced in the 15 meter circuit board. So will have to get that box fixed. We actually used the 40 meter dipole on 15 SSB to make some contacts but at a reduced efficiency as the SWR was not very good.

The beginning of the event was a bit hectic. Thanks to Glenn WB5TUF, we had a logging computer and LCD display running the N1MM contest software for all the primary operating stations except for the spare radio that was not setup as yet to operate as a GOTO station. We were 15 minutes away from starting the event and we still had not decided on our classification for FD. The three CW stations were ready, the three SSB stations were ready, the two RTTY stations were ready, and the free 6 meter station were all online with the network and ready to log contacts. I made the decision to not include the extra un-set up operating position into the count of radios for FD and keep it for the GOTO station as that has been a good public relations point for the clubs in past years. I then made the decision to go 8A with a GOTO station as a free station and then we had to change the logging software from the 9A to 8A accordingly. The GOTO station used a paper log to keep track of the 120 QSO's it made that weekend as it did not have a computer for logging. We also did some real-time technical discussion with those that operated the GOTO station to pickup another 100 bonus points, so it was a good call to keep the extra station as a GOTO.

As mentioned previously, we found a CW radio that was malfunctioning and had to be replaced during our operations. We had a tri-plexer malfunction on 15 meters that was bypassed somewhat. Plus a few other minor problems like the biggest thunderstorm I have seen in years. The storm was about 20 miles away, above I10 and easily seen on the weather radar on the TV we had. You could see the lightning going from cloud to cloud for at least an hour maybe two before it came close enough to us. I took several pictures at midnight of the cloud to cloud lightning and my camera was good enough to get several good pictures that look like it was daytime and not mid-night. I then went inside the building to get Al N5XZ to get another opinion of our situation. I had not been able to listen to the static on a radio so Al and I came outside to watch the lightning again. The edge of the clouds were getting closer and we thought we saw a bolt overhead so we made the decision to shutdown the operations until it was safer to operate. The time was about twenty minutes before midnight. We turned off all radios, unplugged all antennas and turned off the generator. We quickly filled the generator with gas as it was not yet raining on us, but it started to sprinkle just as we were finished gassing up. We waited about 45 minutes and went back outside and behold the clouds had moved back north and the lightning show was over. Quick decision, its time to restart. We cranked up the generator about 12:30 am and started making contacts after turning everything on and connecting the antennas again. Make those Q's.

I was sitting at the ten meter station at 7 pm and I looked up at the network computer display and I was surprised to see 1000 Q's and we were only six hours into Field Day! I set a goal at that time to do 1000 more Q's the next six hours times three. I wanted that 4000 Q's as my goal for FD 2015. The Q rate I think by that time was under 200 an hour so we could still do it if we had enough propagation and enough operators working the radios. By the time we shutdown for the lightning we were very close to 2000 Q's so we were still on track to make our goal! And when we got back on the air, we were still making a good rate but it was still that time of night when things get slower and I was getting tired myself. By 2 am it was sleep time for me but the guys were still at it in the radio room and we were still on track for a higher score than 2014...

During the night, I did not sleep well, probably not enough water on the hot day previous. So I got up and drank some water and felt better. Went back to sleep as the temp was about 75 degrees due to the storm cooling things off that night. Lubo brought some breakfast after sunrise and woke me up. Someone made coffee and we had great tacos to start the day. Oh, almost forgot .. the place was being used by volunteer fire fighters during the weekend as well as for ham radio. They were in a class room next to us while we ate breakfast. They also were training outside as they put out several fires in the burn building on the site. They use bails of hay in the burn building for their fires. The building is cinder blocks with a steel roof in each room so the outside roof does not catch fire. There were at least 75 firemen training while we played radio. Several of the firemen visited the FD radio room when they were on a break so we had some extra visitors.

The GOTO station was organized by Scott KD5FBA and Jim N5DTT. Jim did the technical report to several listeners and Scott did most of the Elmer on the radio to the young visitors and several adults that came in. We logged 120 contacts on a paper log and they have to be broken up by who was operating for us to submit our score and points to the ARRL for credit. At the time of this writing we still do not have these details.

We made a few of the different items for bonus this year. Each bonus was 100 points but we did not have a person in charge of this activity so we missed a few easy points. We were visited by ARRL West Gulf Division Manager - David Woolweaver K5RAV who paid us a visit just as FD started. We did not do the FD messages but we did copy the FD bulletin on two modes. Thanks to Bill Pellerin KE5XV, Bill Hardy KE5HHH and Bill Dillion KG5FQX for a try on a FM Satellite contact. We made a try at a contact about 730 pm on Saturday with the sun about 15 degrees from sunset. We heard the SO-50 passing west of us towards the sun but even with 5 watts and the beam we did not make it into anyone's log. We did get the solar energy bonus, we had a nice ham radio information desk at the front door of our public access building plus a few others.

Well, it came time to end the twenty-four hour FD time slot. Our operators had been able to sign up for two hours slots starting on Friday if they helped with setup. Some ops took advantage of this and a signup sheet was at each station at the FD site. We had setup some rules about not doing more than two hours on the same station, so you had to move to another station when your two hour time was up or just stop and take a break, etc.

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Field Day 2015 by Mike Davidson N5MT

The network computer display had already turned past 4000 Q sometime about 11 am Sunday morning and we had more than an two hours remaining to operate, I was excited! We had broken our record of 2014 and we still were making Q's. The bell sounded and it was over at 1 PM local time. We talked with 4513 QSO's, 167 dups for a total of 4346 good QSO's and about 15000 points. This did not include the GOTO station 120 QSO's as it was not connected to the computer network, it was on paper. Plus we had just a handful of VHF contacts on two meters we could add to the total.

Takedown: We had already taken down the wire antennas on the repelling tower about noon so we were ahead of the cleanup schedule. The big towers came first, the man-lift was easy turn it on and push a few buttons and it was on the ground and taken apart. We then move the lift to one of the smaller towers that was hard to put up and it came down very safely without a problem. The side band tower was owned by the other FD chairperson, Mike N5VCM, and it came down, the SSB antennas were taken apart and coax rolled up as needed. Then we turned to taking down the GOTO station and its two element and six meter antenna. It was a lighter setup and came down without to many people helping. That antenna belonged to BVARC and the six meter antenna belonged to Jim N5DTT. The other tower for RTTY came down last with the help of the man-lift. That antenna belonged to Bill WS5H and it was put together at FD for the first time as Bill had never put it up in the air. So thanks for Bill WS5H loaning up the antenna at the last minute on Friday when we were one antenna short. We were finished by 430 pm and left the RFT site just like we found it on Friday.

The food was great. We had sandwiches from Subway twice and the Saturday evening meal was grilled hamburgers by two of the BVARC members, sorry I do not remember names. These burgers were at least one inch thick and tasted great. Several people brought breakfast on Sunday with breakfast tacos and donuts being ALL eaten up Sunday! I actually had a taco for lunch and breakfast. They were good, thanks BVARC.

Both the TDXS and ECHO contributed \$100 towards food and expenses for FD. BVARC also allocated some moneys for FD but do not know what their budget was for this year.

There were no Medical incidents like in 2014 when we sent one guy to the ER. So we had a very good but hot Field Day 2015. On Sunday it was cloudy so it was a bit cooler, think it was about 90-92 and cloudy but on Saturday maybe 96. I did take a temp of my car and inside in the sun it was 110 and the hood was 128!

We kept a sign-in log at the information table at the front door of the RFT site. We had 24 people sign in on Friday. We had 70 people sign in Saturday. We had 39 people sign in Sunday.

SO Thank You to the 87 names on the three day sign in sheets. We appreciated the help and work that you did in making the 2015 TDXS/BVARC/ECHO Field Day as success.

I know a few people that operated did not logged in with their call sign into the N1MM logging software but here is the list of ops and Q's worked:

1st place was Al N5XZ 870 all cw and he had the most contacts of anyone;
 2nd place was Roy AD5Q 695 all cw,
 3rd Jim KE8G 495 all cw; 4th Glenn WB5TUF 267 all RTTY,
 5th John K5IZO 236; 6th Nizar 233 all cw; 7th Mike N5MT all ssb;
 8th Luis K5LDL 161 all 6 meters; 9th Orville K5VWW 156 all cw;
 10th Ross W5HFF 153 all ssb; 11th Doug 149; 12th Robie 136; 13th Pat KJ5Y 85;
 14th Bob KD5AT 78; 15th Jose 77; 16th Clint 57; 17th Jon KF5TFJ 48;
 18th Theresa KE5MUX 48; 19th David KD7THJ 40; 20th Jim N5DTT 36;
 21st Bill 30; 22nd Val N8EXV 22; 23rd unknown op as kk5w 13 Qs;
 24th Lee WA5QXE 12; 25th Austin KG5EKL 11; 26th Scott KD5FBA 11;
 27th Carl KF5WCU 9; 28th Lubo KG5DGS 7; 29th Marty AG5T 5;
 30th Tom N5EA 2; 31st Gerry K9GEM 1; 32nd Bill KE5HHH 1; 33rd Mike N5VCX 1.

The best SSB rate was by myself N5MT with 99 per hour on 10 meters on Sunday morning.
 The best CW rate was by Al N5XZ with 101 per hour on 15 meters on Saturday after dinner.

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Field Day 2015 by Mike Davidson N5MT

Best band 20, 1147 cw 180 ssb 194 RTTY 62 PSK = 1583 total. (Includes dups)

2nd best band 40: 710 cw 357 ssb 33 RTTY 12 PSK = 1112 total.

3rd best band 15: 698 cw 77 ssb 18 RTTY = 793 total.

4th best band 10: 401 ssb 236 cw 2 RTTY 6 PSK = 645 total.

5th best band 80: 198 cw total.

6th best band 6: 182 ssb total.

Grand total 4513 take out 167 duplicate Q equals 4346 good Q.

I expect we will add 120 SSB qsos for GOTO contacts.

Thanks to all that helped. 73 Mike Davidson N5MT

Band	Mode	QSOs	Pts
3.5	CW	197	394
7	CW	676	1352
7	LSB	355	355
7	PSK3	12	24
7	RTTY	33	66
14	CW	1067	2134
14	PSK3	59	118
14	RTTY	190	380
14	USB	179	179
21	CW	684	1368
21	RTTY	18	36
21	USB	77	77
28	CW	223	446
28	PSK3	6	12
28	RTTY	2	4
28	USB	387	387
50	USB	181	181
Total	Both	4346	7513
Score: 7,513			
1 Mult = 1.0 Q's			

Day	Hr	3.5	7	14	21	28	50	Tot	Accum
2015-06-27	18	0	2	105	90	40	8	245	245
2015-06-27	19	0	0	108	94	49	0	251	496
2015-06-27	20	0	12	58	67	11	0	148	644
2015-06-27	21	0	34	56	43	4	0	137	781
2015-06-27	22	0	36	98	26	2	1	163	944
2015-06-27	23	0	49	133	27	7	7	223	1167
2015-06-28	00	0	48	51	26	7	2	134	1301
2015-06-28	01	0	60	112	37	2	6	217	1518
2015-06-28	02	0	55	114	41	34	16	260	1778
2015-06-28	03	13	119	111	15	5	3	266	2044
2015-06-28	04	32	101	50	0	0	0	183	2227
2015-06-28	05	8	43	22	0	0	0	73	2300
2015-06-28	06	12	53	17	0	0	0	82	2382
2015-06-28	07	29	102	8	0	0	0	139	2521
2015-06-28	08	34	73	6	0	0	0	113	2634
2015-06-28	09	25	79	3	0	0	0	107	2741
2015-06-28	10	28	104	4	0	0	0	136	2877
2015-06-28	11	17	54	53	0	0	0	124	3001
2015-06-28	12	0	51	78	26	3	27	185	3186
2015-06-28	13	0	23	96	59	130	36	344	3530
2015-06-28	14	0	14	70	69	100	23	276	3806
2015-06-28	15	0	0	58	63	98	24	243	4049
2015-06-28	16	0	0	80	71	78	13	242	4291
2015-06-28	17	0	0	92	39	74	16	221	4512
2015-06-28	18	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	4513
Total	0	198	1112	1583	793	645	182	4513	4513



Red Daemon Contest Team by Ron Litt K5HM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

From K5RDT – Red Daemon Contest Team

Red Daemon Contest Team Adopts Fritz, the RF Krampus as its Official Mascot.

Galveston, Tx June 27, 2015 – Just prior to the opening of the 2015 ARRL Field Day event, members of the Red Daemon Contest Team gathered at its 2015 Field Day site to officially endorse Fritz- the RF Krampus as its mascot.



“According to Greek mythology, daemons are benign or benevolent spirits in nature. Fritz represents that for our team; sometimes benign or benevolent depending on how he feels”, said team member Ron Litt, K5HM. Fritz’s disembodied visage can appear at will during team activities.

Fritz first appeared during the 2013 Texas Parks on the Air event at Mustang Island, where he caused a rain shower that forced us to shut down early. He made repeat appearances at the team’s 2014 Field Day and again during the 2014 IOTA Contest on Mustang Island.

The Red Daemon Contest Team - the Champagne Contest Team, is a loose confederation of dedicated Amateur Radio contesters. Some more dedicated than others.

2015 Field Day consisted of:

- 5 people; plus the chef for food service
- 2KW portable generator
- Operating 5A Dedicated PSK; Other 4 all HF SSB and some CW
- 2 element tri-bander Uber Alles Beam at 35 feet
- R7 Vertical – for PSK; 40 m Doublet; 80 m Inverted V
- Estimated Score – Approx. 2,000 points

No GOTA but we live well. Gourmet Italian Dinner menu Friday night and Steak Dinner Saturday, including wine service or other adult beverages. Chocolate cake for desert; fresh scrambled eggs breakfast Saturday; Bagels for breakfast Sunday. Covered parking; Queen Size beds; full bath with showers

RDCT believes in contesting “our way”; whatever that is. Team Members include Ron (K5HM), Matt (K5NGU), Rick (W5RH), Stephanie (K5SFV), Nathan (N5NYV), Linda Litt and Fritz. After initially using the special event call N5T, the team received its permanent call K5RDT, In December 2014.

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Where in the World is ... Brunei (V8) by Ron Litt K5HM

Brunei, officially known as the Nation of Brunei, the Abode of Peace. OR Negara Brunei Darussalam in Malay. It's located on the northwest coast of the island of Borneo. On three sides bordered by Malaysia and facing the South China Sea.



It's a good place to live, with its principal product being oil. Considered a "fully developed" country by the IMF. According to Forbes Magazine it ranks as the fifth richest nation on the planet. The country has zero debt.

Brunei's government is a constitutional monarchy. Under Brunei's constitution, the Sultan is the head of state with full executive authority. Since 1962, this authority has included emergency powers, which are renewed every two years. The country has been under hypothetical martial law since 1962. The Sultan, Hassanal Bolkiah also serves as the state's Prime Minister, Finance Minister and Defense Minister. As Mel Brooks observed, it is good to be king.



Petroleum was discovered in 1926. Oil and natural gas have been the basis of Brunei's development and wealth since the late 20th century.

This is a devoutly Muslim nation; land of gold-plated mosques and wooden water villages, a nation so rich from its oil and gas resources that no one pays tax. It is a seven-hour flight from Melbourne but Brunei is little known and very much underrated for travelers. Brunei is clean and virtually free of crime with pristine rainforests, palm-fringed beaches and palatial resorts.

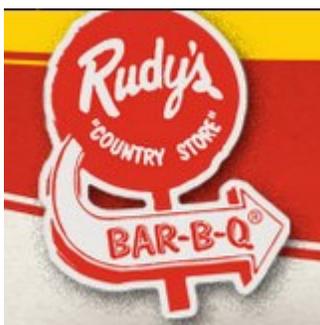
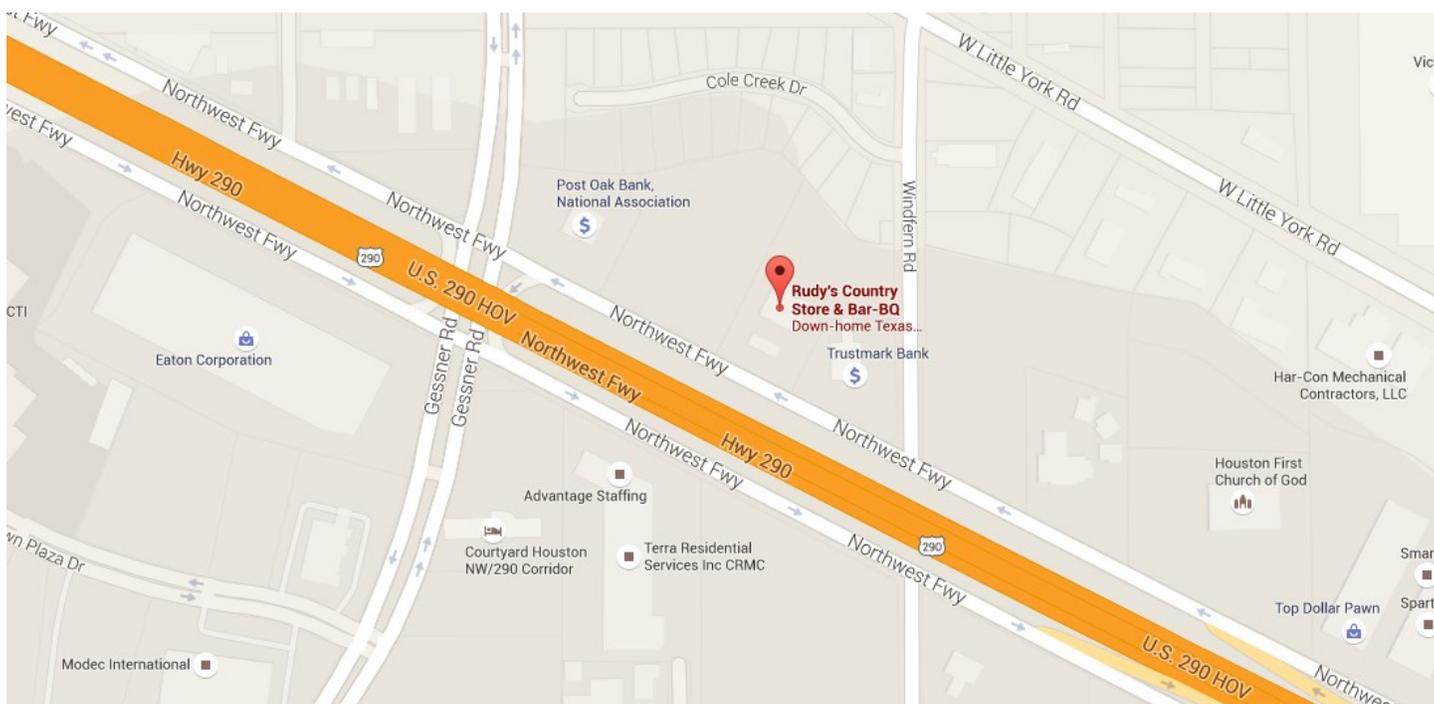
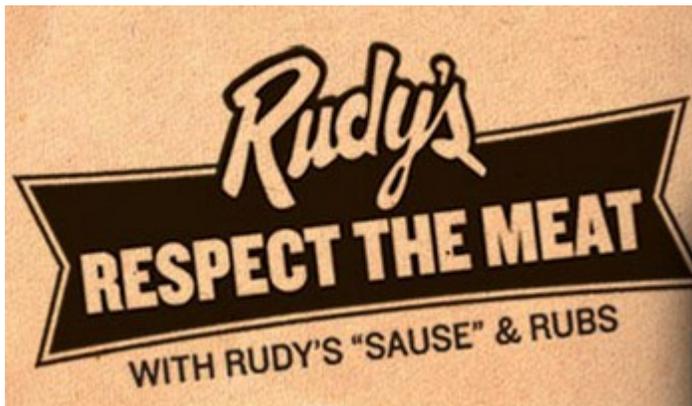
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