



The Bullsheet

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An ARRL Affiliated Club

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ARRL Field Day is June 27-28, 2015

TDXS members, Field Day attendance counts toward "June Monthly Meeting".

TDXS joins BVARC\ECHO for Field Day in Richmond, TX. See map on page 4.

Richmond Fire Dept. Training Grounds 260 Clay St. Richmond, TX 77469



Editor's Note by Allen N5XZ

This month's issue is going to be really light...I didn't receive all the usual articles and I haven't been very busy myself on the air. I see that propagation is continuing to decline on the higher bands, although 6 meters and 20 meters have been occasionally very hot! I hope y'all have taken more advantage of the 6 and 20 meter prop than I have!

I did manage to snag: ZL7/F8FUA, 4X70V, E51VFT, 3B9/EA5IDQ, YO4XZ (cool call, eh?), 5W1SA, 5Z0L, HB0WR, 3S2KM, and a slew of EU.

Please come out to the joint TDXS/BVARC/Echo Field Day event again this year. Mike N5MT and Mike N5VCX are the co-chairmen, and they can really use more volunteers. As before, it will be held at the Richmond Fire Training Ground in Richmond, TX.

BTW, I am sure we could use some more good contest operators, CW, SSB and even RTTY. If you would like to participate with us, give me a call (CW ops) or Mike N5MT for phone/RTTY.

Now that the "rainy season" is almost over, I may

actually be able to get a concrete truck on the property to pour the base for my 18HT. I am almost completed construction of it, and I have made several improvements to the base, as well as increased the size of the base from Hy-Gain's (MFJ's) instructions. Well, it is primarily to be used on 80 and 160, and since those are primarily winter bands, I am in no big hurry.

CU at Field Day!

Thanks and 73,
73, Allen N5XZ

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The Prez Sez by Bob, W5UQ

Prez sez for June 2015.

Hi ya'll.... Or better yet, how you? As you know, that's Texan slang. Kinda reminds me that the south Texas summer is just about to happen. Oh well, I sure love the fall, winter and summers here.

A thought..... in between mowing and getting ready for summer, it is time to get any antenna and/or tower projects finished up or you will be wishing you did. The humid heat is already here.... well, at times any way. With some nice weather relief in between the humid days and the rain.... Oh yessssss, the rain. Makes one think that this summer could be a wet one..... and humid too.... with lots of skeeters.... the biting kind.

And it is time to get ready for ARRL Field Day. The last weekend of June... this month, is approaching fast. And remember that we are doing a joint Field Day with BVARC and The Echo Society again this year. Give Mike Davidson, N5MT, a phone call. Or email him at N5MT@aol.com with your info to be a part of the action this year. Lots of fun and fellowship to boot.

There is no regular TDXS meeting in June so the Field Day activities counts as a meeting credit. Be sure to notify Doug Seyler, djseyler@comcast.net of your activity with Field Day so you can get credit for TDXS meeting attendance. This counts towards your being a full member or an associate.

Have a good month, stay cool and dry. And we will see you all on July 15th, a Wednesday, at 6:30PM for the TDXS Dinner Meeting Night. It will be at Rudy's BBQ this month. It is at 14620 Northwest Fwy, Houston, TX 77040.

73 and good DX,
Bob Hardie
W5UQ
TDXS President 2015



DX Report by Orville Burg K5VWW

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Last month I requested input as to the DXCC standing of those who might be looking for assistance in improving their totals. The response was underwhelming with a total of 2 responses!
 The bands have been fairly quiet and DXpeditions have been few and far between.
 Six meters has been open sporadically with most propagation to the upper mid-west and west from the Houston area.
 Africa has been fairly active this past month with 5TØITU, Mauritania, being operated by 5TØJL, and 5ZØL being operated by The Italian Dxpediton Team.
 5U5U, Niger, will be operational through June 16th.
 An operation from French Guiana, FY, will be active June 8th through 12th.
 There will be 3 EP stations operating field-day style on 20M only as EP2C on June 7th from 01:30 to 15:45 UTC.

Other scheduled operations are:

- FS – St. Martin. FS/K9EL will be active May 28th – June 16th. All bands.
- XT – Burkina Faso. DF2WO will be active as XT2AW from May 20th-June 25th.
- OX – 5 DL stations operational /OX, all bands and modes until June 12th.
- 8Q7 – 8Q7CQ will be on all bands w/ 500W through June 18th.
- D4C – Cape Verde Isl. Will be on 6M from June 15th through June 22nd.
- E6AB – Niue operated by ZL2HM from June 24th to July 4th. SSB.

Some of the band activity reported in the Houston area in the past few days or weeks includes:

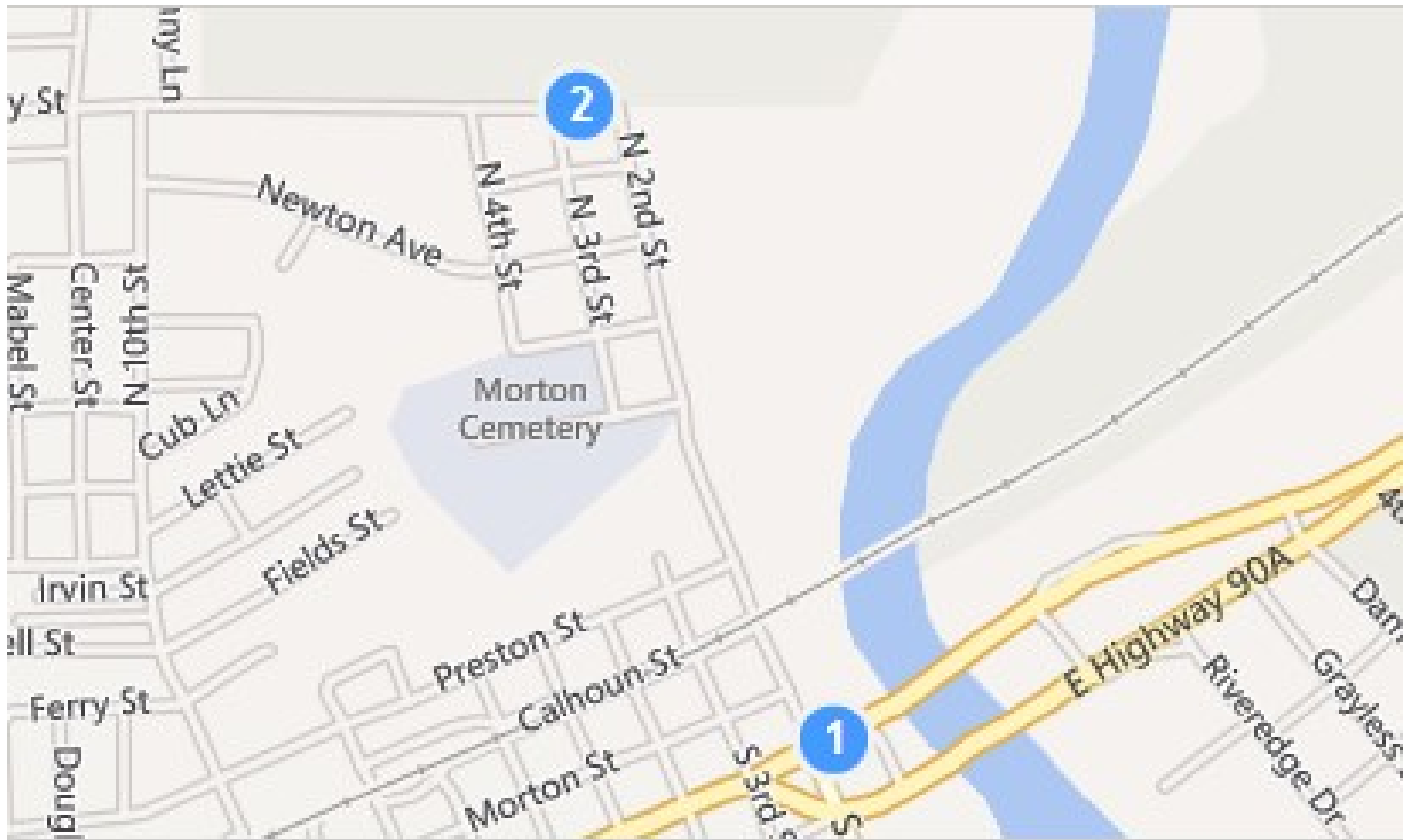
Good DXing,
Orville

5TØITU - Mauritania
5ZØL - Kenya
5V7MI - Togo
3XY5M – Guinea
FW5JJ – Wallis & Futuna Isl.
EX8M - Kyrgyzstan
FS/K9EL – St. Martin
3V8SS - Tunisia
6Y6N - Jamaica



Richmond Fire Training Center, Richmond, TX

From Houston, take a right at the **1** on the map below. There is gate and a dirt road at the **2**. Turn north at the road, pass the cemetery and stay to the right at the fork in the road. You will end up at the training center. The main operating building will be on your left.



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

Please notify the Editor if I have missed anyone

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