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TDXS February Meeting:

Thursday Feb 21 at 7:00PM

Program:

Keith NM5G will discuss the Transition of the Texas
QSO Party Sponsorship to TDXS .
Tracy Gee Center
3599 Westcenter Drive
Houston TX 77042

Editor's Note by Allen Brier N5XZ

The days are getting longer and DXing is changing. Although I am currently limited in my ham radio activities, I am thrilled (and a bit jealous) to see the DXing and contesting that is going on within TDXS and everywhere else. Band conditions are changing, modes are changing and I see a lot of low band work being done. As it turns out, it appears that I will be putting in even more hours on this massive construction project down in Freeport, TX and on Quintana Island, TX. I have been moved from the construction team to the commissioning team and my hours will increase from 50/60 hours a week, up to as many as 70 and 80 hours a week. Most on the team now work 12 hours a day, 6 days per week, and some even a

13/1 schedule (13 days on/1 day off). The project is way behind schedule, which is the reason for all the hours. Well, Make Hay While the Sun Shines, as they say. I guess there were times when I had my own company that I worked those hours. Once I worked 17 hours a day/7 days a week for 5 weeks on an offshore platform in the Bay of Campeche...well I made a lot of money, but I was younger then, I am saddened to announce the passing of two TDXS members: Tom Jakubek N5ZR #55 and William "Buzz" Loeschman N1SDX #173. I didn't know Tom very well, but I did know Buzz and I used to buy a lot of IRCs from him (remember those?). Please keep these pass-

ing TDXS members and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

It seems that contesting is on the rise within the ranks of TDXS. I am very heartened to see that and hope it will continue. Hopefully, some of this contesting fever will continue up through Field Day!

The Greater Houston Hamfest is only five weeks away! BVARC is going to have its first organizational meeting on Saturday, February 16th at 2—4 pm at Bayland Park Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston, TX 77074. If you're interested in helping out, please attend or contact Mike N5VCX at n5vcx@att.net or K5IZO at k5izo@yahoo.com.

73 Allen 'XZ

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Please...if you read this and are a member of TDXS, we want to know more about you! PLEASE send me a biography of your ham life, equipment, accomplishments, regrets, wants, needs, etc. Pictures also, please!

The Prez Sez by Robie, AJ4F

The Prez Sez

February 2019

The TDXS Banquet was a success with attendance the best we've had in some time. Kim – K5TU took home the Yagi on a Roll as TDXS DX'er of the Year! Congratulations Kim!

The ARRL 2018 International Grid Chase is near the end. Contacts can be uploaded to LOTW through February 10, 2019. This was in my opinion a non-contest contest as any QSO you made during 2018 that is confirmed via LOTW counted. From one perspective it is a measure of activity. The question I have is where did you end up? How many grids did you confirm? Since we're a competitive bunch, perhaps we can get a tally of where everyone finished.

As I wrote in January TDXS is planning to have a table at the Greater Houston Hamfest this year with the objective of the table is to show casing our club and what our members do. I hope this effort will attract some new members to our organization. Clearly, increased membership is a goal for 2019. New members will be the lifeblood of our organization, especially younger members. Please consider inviting a non-member to a future meeting. This is a good way for a prospective member to learn about us, meet new people and get interested in contesting and DXing.

I am interested in getting feedback from our members regarding what they feel TDXS should look like in the future. Activities undertaken, number of members, meeting format, website changes, Facebook page changes, meeting programs, etc. Should we consider licensing classes and licensing exams? Would this be a way to increase our membership and bring in some new blood? What other options are there to keep our organization growing?

With current solar cycle near all-time minimums the low bands 40, 30, 80 and 160 meters have produced surprising amounts of DX. Japan has become a common contact on 80 meters and even 160 meters this winter. Many other Asian countries are easy to work on 40 meters in the early morning. I am interested in hearing about what antennas our members are using on the low bands. Receiving antennas are often employed to improve a station's performance. Are any of you using one? If so, what kind? Did you buy it or build it? What techniques are you using to work DX? I believe that the FT8 mode has enhanced DXing on the low bands significantly. If you have not tried it, I encourage you to do so.

We've got the ARRL DX contests (CW and Phone) in February and March. These are real good opportunities to have some fun while possibly running up your DX totals. It's not too early to begin making your plans for Field Day 2019. Especially, reserving the weekend of June 22-23 on your calendar. We need your participation to make it the best Field Day ever! There will much more regarding Field Day as we move closer to the date but lining up a cadre of good operators lined up is key to a success.

73,

Robie – AJ4F

TDXS Meeting Minutes by Doug Seyler WB5TKI

TDXS January 2019 Meeting Minutes

Annual Banquet

Date: January 19, 2019

Location: Goode Company BBQ, Katy Fwy, Houston, TX

Attendance:

Robie - AJ4F

Wes - N5WW & Ellie

Orville - K5VWW

Larry - KB5WWW

Gerald - K9GEM & Janice

Doug - WB5TKI & Lynn

Scott - K5DD & Verna

Allen - N5XZ

Keith - NM5G & Beth

Dale - KG5U

Paul - W5PF & Georgina

Ed - W5GCX & Xenia

Kim - K5TU

Pat - KJ5Y

January brought our Annual Banquet. This year we tried a new venue, Goode Company BBQ. This provided the flexibility for everyone to order what they wanted off of the menu. The restaurant has a balcony banquet area which was ideal for our group. The only challenge was carrying one's tray of food and drink up the stairs! Luckily, there were no mishaps.

After dinner there was a short business meeting:

The club voted to request the refund of the unspent portion of our donation to the aborted Bouvet Island DXpedition. This is estimated to be approximately \$210, which will be returned to the club treasury for support of future DXpeditions.

The club approved the purchase of a new 40 meter beam (Mosley Shorty Forty) for \$787, including shipping. This 2 element beam will be available for Field Day and other club operating activities.

Following the business meeting we had door prizes and awards. Door prizes were a mix of donated items. The annual Yagi-On-A-Roll (DX Hog) Award went to Kim K5TU.

73, Doug Seyler WB5TKI TDXS Secretary

DX Report by Orville Burg K5VWW

Brunei - V84SAA, 13 international operators active now through February 18th. They will be mainly concentrating on low bands with verticals for 160 and 80M and a 4-square for 40M.

Macao, XX9D is from February 11-26. Focus on 160-40M to NA! They will be on CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 DX on all bands from 160M through 10M. There will be 4 stations on the air 24 hours a day with 15 operators.

Central Kiribati – Canton Island – 6 European operators will activate T31EU from February 15th to March 5th. Most of his time will be on CW, SSB and RTTY with some FT8, operating on 160 through 10M.

9U4RI - Burundi will be activated by M0KRI from February 15th -25th. He will be on CW, SSB & PSK on 40-10M.

Several stations are planning on operating during the ARRL DX Contest February 16-17, 2019 including:

V37DX from Belize

AH2R from Guam

EF9Z from Ceuta and Melilla

C5DX from The Gambia

JD1BOW from Ogasawara

PYØF from Fernando de Noronha

V3T from Belize

A5A – Bhutan will focus on 160m FT8 regular mode February 27th to March 5th. By JH1AJT DJ9ZB E21EIC; All Bands, 160-10, CW SSB FT8
A52ZB, A52IC – Bhutan February 6th to March 9th by DJ9ZB and E21EIC.

XRØZRC - Juan Fernandez Island will be active March 11th to March 27th with 3 stations, 160-10M CW, SSB, FT8.

J20DX/p - Djibouti Watch for this one in Mid-April. Operating from islands in the Gulf of Aden.

Please continue to monitor the main page of the TDXS Web Site, www.TDXS.Com, for updates to activity on the bands.

Good DX,
Orville, K5VWW

Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

Hello again. The major contests in February are as follows:

- 2-3 Ten-Ten International SSB
- 3 North American Sprint, CW
- 9-10 CQ WW RTTY WPX
- 11-15 ARRL School Club Round-up
- 16-17 ARRL International DX, CW
- 22-24 CQ 160 Meter, SSB
- 23 NAQP-RTTY

A full listing of contests this month, including State QSO Parties, is available at www.arrl.org/contests

Everyone interested in Radiosport ought to be a subscriber to the National Contest Journal. They are the sponsors of the North American QSO Parties. Their bimonthly journal is a fantastic resource for contesting information. Their articles are both informative and stimulating. By design, there are articles aimed at both Big Guns and Little Pistols. One of the articles each month deals with young contesters. When you think about it, these are the people that will follow us and will be the ones that keep Radiosport alive as the old-timers begin to dwindle in numbers or decrease in contest participation. We all need to contribute to the effort of getting more young Amateurs involved in our sport.

The January 23 issue of ARRL's *Contest Update* had a great article by Ward Silver, N0AX. He talked about "Team Exuberance", a team of 6 young Amateurs who will travel to K3LR's station to operate the CQ WPX SSB Contest at the end of March. Tim is providing a great experience to these young people, an experience that will likely make them active contesters for a long time. Would it not be great if many clubs or contesting organizations with Contest Stations could do the same thing? Unfortunately, TDXS and a lot of other local Ham groups do not have stand-alone Club Contest Stations that can be locations for Multi-Multi operations.

But that does not mean we cannot be involved in something similar. If you know a young Ham, invite them and a parent over for some period during one of the major contests. You must be willing to move from Single Operator to Multi-Operator class but most of us are not going to be bothered too much with the reclassification. Carried even further, how hard would it be for the many non-elite multi-op stations in a contest to have at least one young operator on their team. Such activity might go a long way to increasing Contester ranks and assure that RadioSport will survive well into the future. If you have access to the January 23 *Contest Update*, look at Ward's article. It is enlightening.

It is February but certainly not too soon to begin planning for Field Day. TDXS Members at the combined club FD 2018 operation had a major positive effect on the final score. If there had been a few more TDXSers there we would have done even better. Right now, just marking your calendar to hold June 22-23 open for your participation would be a great first step in the Field Day preparations. Even better, commit to operating at the combined clubs 2019 Field Day operation. The more operators we have who can provide the expertise and the desire to always keep every operating position busy, the better the final score will be.

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Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

Here is a listing of TDXS results in recent contests. We had a particularly great showing in the NAQP-CW.

January NAQP-CW

Call	SO2R	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
N5XZ			1007	192	8:56	193,344	TDXS
K5TU			1057	182	10	192,374	TDXS
KG5U			722	160	9:53	115,520	TDXS
KØNM		x	729	151	10	110,079	TDXS
K5GN		x	413	100	6:00	41,300	TDXS
WB5TKI			306	107		32,742	TDXS2
KJ5Y		x	179	75	3	13,425	TDXS2
W2OZB			155	77	4	11,935	TDXS3
K5IZO			72	44	5	3,168	TDXS2
N5DTT			37	29	6	1,073	TDXS3

ARRL January VHF Contest

Single Op HP

Call	SO2R	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5PR			119	56		6,664	TDXS

Single Op LP

Call	SO2R	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AJ4F			18	13		234	TDXS

January NAQP-SSB

Single Op LP

Call	SO2R	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
W5GCX			92	44		4048	TDXS
N5DTT			30	23	6	690	TDXS

CQ 160 Meter Contest - CW

Single Op HP

Call	SO2R	Remote	QSOs	State/Prov	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
KØNM			289	47	5	10	32,916	TDXS

Single Op Assisted LP

Call	SO2R	Remote	QSOs	State/Prov	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
AJ4F			168	43	10		22,631	TDXS



Where in the World Is...by Ron Litt K5HM

No, not Best Western Sahara, it is really Western Sahara.



Formerly Spanish Morocco, it is disputed territory on the West Coast of Africa, roughly South-east of the Kingdom of Morocco. Occupied by Spain since the late 19th century, the Spanish relinquished control of the area in 1975. Since then, two thirds of the country has been claimed by Morocco as part of what is calls the Southern Provinces.

A war then erupted between Morocco and the Sahrawi national liberation movement, who proclaimed the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR). Morocco eventually secured effective control of most of the territory, including all the major cities and natural resources.

Western Sahara's economy is based almost entirely on fishing and phosphate mining which employs two thirds of its work force.

A largely Saharan desert landscape and climate, 40% the country's population of roughly 500,000 live in the city of Laâyoune near the Atlantic Ocean.



Ham Radio is still in its infancy here. QRZ.com reports only 5 licensed call signs including S01WS, which belongs to the Sahrawi Amateur Radio Union URS.

According to Club Log, Western Sahara is the 73rd most wanted DX entity.



The Great Harvey Wells Caper—Part 1...by Ron Litt K5HM

It was April in New York City. I was on my way home from the regular weekly breakfast with the Queens County Bagel, Bowling and Spark Club.

These were the halcyon days of kid-dom on the cusp of adulthood. I had my General Class ticket now for about two years. Got my acceptance letter from college and it was six months before anybody would hear of Sputnik. Life was good.

As I walked home from the bus stop, I was thinking about getting on the air today and rolling up a few new states for my WAS. I needed South Dakota and my old buddy Ralph from the QCBB&SC said there were only three active hams in the whole state. I could see that South Dakota was going to be a real challenge.

I climbed the front steps two at a time, walked through the front door and headed directly for my basement ham shack. I am halfway down the hall when I hear my old man say, "Where are you going?"

Any kid who has reached the age of five, immediately recognizes the peril in that question. It's not a question really, it more a combination of Red Alert, General Quarters and Take Cover simultaneously.

I turned around to see the old man advancing toward me. He was upset. I tried to think of anything I did or failed to do in the last twenty-four hours. I aced my Physics quiz, took out the trash last night, and didn't leave any wet towels in the bathroom; check, check, check.

He was about two feet away when he stopped, thrust a letter in front of me and said, "What's this?" His hand was shaking so much, I couldn't read the envelope at first but it looked very important. Eventually, the oscillation decayed enough for me to see better. It was one of those business window envelopes with no stamp. The top right-hand corner of the envelope contained the words, *U.S. Government Official Business!*

The old man was really wound up; like a pressure cooker ready to explode. He'd lived his life avoiding entanglements with authority. He was 4-F for the draft in WWII, voted at least once in every election and was an associate member of the Police Benevolent Association. Any unexpected things that had to do with "Official Business" made him very nervous.

Desperately, I tried to think of something that would get him in such a lather. I had gotten my draft card six weeks ago. Maybe this was the dreaded, "Greetings from Uncle Sam" letter. Then I noticed the return address; *Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC.*

I stopped breathing. The FCC! This was worse than getting drafted. Looking through the window of the envelope I could see the paper inside. A pink ticket!

The envelope was torn open. At the top of the page, I could see the words, *Notice of Violation!* He'd already read it and assumed the worst; a life sentence for me at Leavenworth. I was doomed!

Flight was the only response I had. I grabbed the letter and ran for the basement. I read and re-read the notice several times. Cold sweat was dripping off me.

The letter said that my signal had been observed operating at a frequency out of the band at such and such time and date. It demanded I explain what happened. That I take immediate steps to prevent this from

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happening in the future and that I report those steps to the FCC within 30 days. No wonder the old man was upset. Single handedly, I had brought the wrath of the entire federal government down on our home.

I pulled out my log and started flipping pages; hoping this was a mistake. Some other guy with a similar call sign, maybe. The time in the letter was around 2 AM. Was the FCC really awake that late?

I ran my thumb down the logbook pages slowly, hoping against hope. Yikes! There it was. At the alleged hour, I had been on the air. What could I do? “The old man was right, you’re going to Leavenworth”, said the voice in my head.

That night I’d logged several calls to DX stations who were calling CQ on the other side of the 20 meter band edge. The last entry in the log that night was a guy in VK-land that I had finally managed to work. I was so excited, I almost woke the old man out of a sound sleep to tell him. I must have strayed too close to the band edge!

Maybe I’ll just throw myself on the mercy of the court. “Your honor, I’m just a kid. I didn’t know I was committing a crime.” “I fell in with a bad crowd; they dared me to do it!”

In a panic, I called my old buddy Ralph on the land line. Ralph was a charter member of the QCBB&SC. He knew everything about ham radio. He had been a ham so long that he said Marconi was his Elmer.

After an eternity of rings, he answered. Without giving him a chance to say hello, I unloaded on Ralph in one single breath. When I finally finished, Ralph calmed me down and assured me that I was not going to Leavenworth. “Yeah kid (everyone was a kid to Ralph), I got my first pink ticket in ’36”, he said softly, as if someone were listening.

What a relief! My old buddy Ralph, the greatest Elmer of all time had gotten at least a couple pink tickets and he was still walking around a free man. There was a ray of hope for me!

I could swear he was grinning on the other side of the phone. The voice in my head said, “Yeah, they’ll probably confiscate all your radio gear instead.”

It was only two years earlier that I went to the FCC offices in Manhattan to take my General exam under the watchful eye of Lurch, the examiner. I still remember the big bullpen where the FCC guys worked. They were all dressed alike too; white shirts rolled up to the elbow, black ties and black pants. It was the official FCC uniform. I didn’t know what would be worse; just quietly going off to Leavenworth or having a squad of FCC men in black show up at my house in front of all the neighbors!

“Listen kid”, he began; his voice had a way of piercing through the QRM in my head. “You just need an accurate marker for the band edge. A crystal calibrator. You can pick one up at Harrison Radio for about ten bucks.”

I could hear Ralph take a deep breath. He’d been a chain smoker for twenty years, so his inhale had a signature wheeze, just like a good CW operator’s fist.

Then he continued, “The dial markings on your VFO ain’t worth the plastic they’re printed on kid. So, when you are chasing DX, don’t get any closer than three kc to the band edge marker, no matter what.”

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“Hey Ralph”, I said “What about the letter I have to write? What should I say?” Ralph started in again, “Listen kid, just tell them the truth, you’ll be fine. See you later kid.” And then there was a click.

I sat for a long time; thinking. The U.S. phone band ended at 14200 KC. Most of the good DX was always just below that great divide. We worked split back then, running full carrier double sideband AM, pushing as close to the band edge as we dared, calling for that rare station we needed.

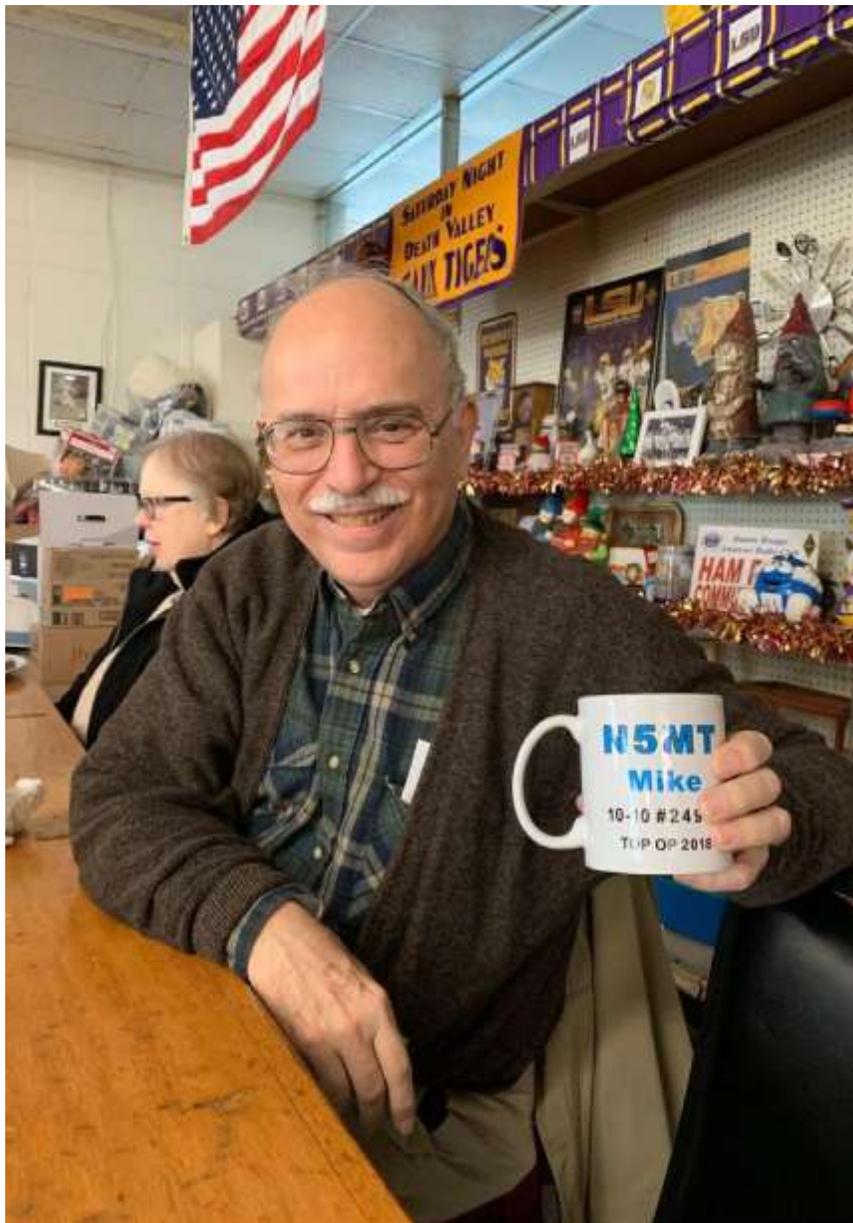
I wasn’t willing to give up a whole three kc of band, if I didn’t need to do it. Maybe I could just turn down the mike gain. Just listening to twenty meters some nights it was easy to see how everybody pushed the limit. Still, I was willing to do or say anything get back in the old man’s good graces and the FCC off my back! Finally, the beginnings of a diabolical plan began to form in my head. If I played my cards right, I would solve my FCC problem and then some.

To be continued

Reporting from the Dark Side,
Ron Litt, K5HM



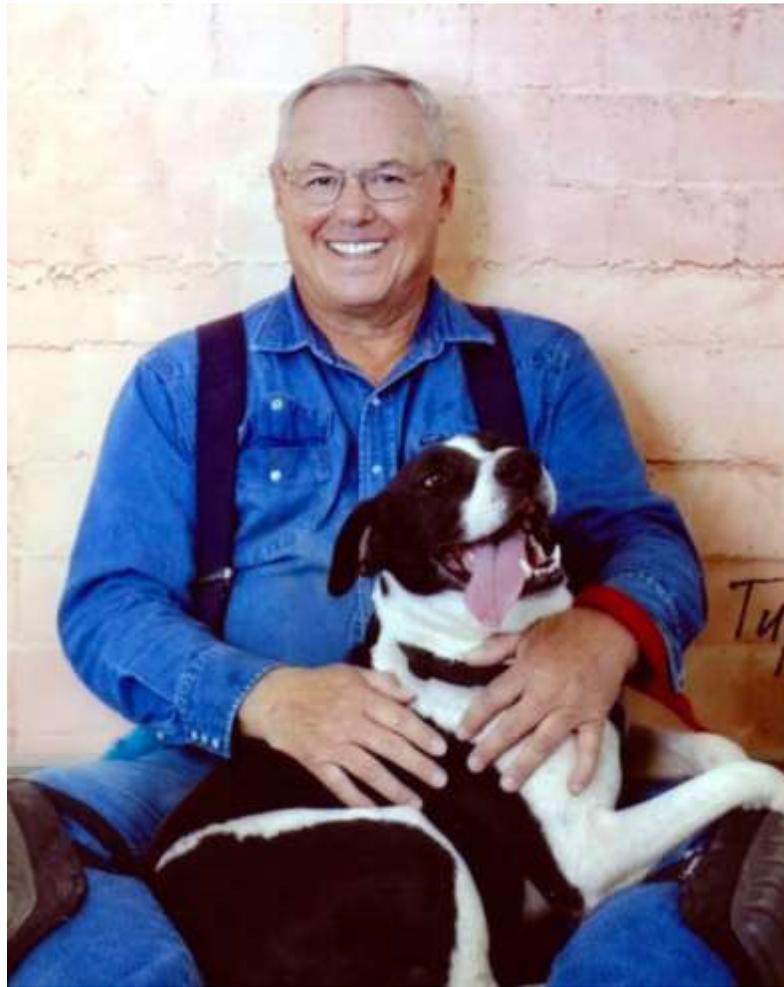
Mike Davidson N5MT(/5)



Some of you might remember this guy, Mike N5MT. He sent me this picture of him and it appears that he and Margie are doing great in Louisiana. How's the food, Mike?



Tom Jakubec N5ZR TDXS #55—SK



*Tom Jakubec, age 68, of Lubbock, Texas passed away on Thursday October 4, 2018.
Tom was born July 31, 1950 in New Jersey.*

A visitation for Tom will be held Tuesday, October 16, 2018 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Resthaven Funeral Home, Lubbock, Texas. A funeral mass will occur Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 10:00 AM at Christ the King Cathedral, Lubbock, Texas. A graveside service will occur Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 2:00 PM at Texas State Veterans Cemetery, 7457 W. Lake Rd., Abilene, Texas 79601. An interment will occur at Texas State Veterans Cemetery, Abilene, Texas.

Serving as pallbearers are Knights of Columbus.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.resthavenfuneralhome.com for the Jakubec family.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/lubbock-tx/tom-jakubec-8024027>



William (Buzz) Loeschman NI5DX #173—SK

December 21, 1942 – February 12, 2019

William Loeschman, known as Buzz since birth, of Angleton, Texas died Tuesday, February 12,

Buzz was born on December 21, 1942 in San Antonio, Texas to Albert J. and Dorothy M. Loeschman, the second of 3 children. He was baptized on June 27, 1943. He graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in San Antonio in 1960. Buzz attended junior college at Concordia College, Austin, from 1962-1963 and then graduated from Concordia Teachers College in Seward, Nebraska in May of 1965. He met his future wife, Quinta Sanders, whom he married on August 7, 1965. Buzz earned a Master's Degree in Education from Valparaiso University in 1971.

Upon graduation from Concordia Seward, Buzz taught 5th grade at St. John's Lutheran School in La Porte, Indiana. Along with his teaching duties, he served as Athletic Director and head coach of the school's various sports teams. Buzz and Quinta were blessed with their only child, a son named Matthew. In 1981, the family moved back to Texas where Buzz began working at BASF Chemical Company, Freeport, Texas. He started as a technician in the new Acrylic Acid plant. Fifteen years later, he was chosen to be a member of the Industrial Hygiene team. His responsibilities included monitoring technicians working in all the plants at BASF. Buzz soon became the captain of the TRACER Team, the off-site emergency response team. Along with his regular duties, he served in this posi-



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tion until his retirement in 2004.

Buzz was a faithful member

of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Lake Jackson since 1981 and served as Elder, communion assistant, usher and member of the choir.

Buzz leaves behind his beloved wife of 53 years, Quinta of Angleton, Texas, and son Matt Loeschman of Peoria, Arizona. He also leaves behind a brother, the Reverend Albert J. Loeschman and his wife Jerene, of Bastrop, Texas and a sister, Marian F. Trammell of San Antonio. He is also survived by cousins, niece and nephews Angie Heitmeier of Grand Prairie, Nathan Loeschman of Houston, Joel Loeschman of Bastrop, and Jade Trammell of San Antonio. One nephew, Ty Trammell, passed prior to Buzz.

As a child Buzz loved all animals. It was not unusual to find snakes, horned toads, turtles, and other "pets" in various cages in the Loeschman backyard or under the kitchen table.

He was also a sports fan from a very early age and became a lifelong Chicago Cubs fan as the San Antonio Missions were a farm team of the Cubs when he was a child. It is not difficult to imagine how thrilled he was when the Cubs finally won a World Series (2016) in his lifetime. Buzz began bowling when he was 8 or 9 years old and soon found that he was very good at this sport. He worked at a bowling center in San Antonio his senior year in high school and also the following year, opting not to go to college right away as he believed he could be a success on the professional bowling tour. Things changed and he never realized this dream as he decided to attend college the next year. Buzz always maintained that he could have "made it" on the tour had God not led him in a better direction.

Buzz was always very active and began running long distance in the late 1970s. He ran many half marathons and in 1981 completed the Hinsdale Full Marathon in Illinois. After moving back to Texas, Buzz began cycling. Many miles were logged with the Pearland Cycle Club of which Buzz was a member. In 2005 and 2006 he completed the MS150, a 150 mile cycling race from Houston to Austin.



William (Buzz) Loeschman NI5DX #173—SK

A few years after Buzz’s father passed away, his mother married Oscar Baker. OB worked for the FAA and was an amateur radio operator. In 1978 Buzz’s mom, brother, and he all obtained their “ham” licenses. This event gave Buzz the hobby he could pursue in many ways. He enjoyed going on vacations where he took his portable ham equipment and made contacts with people all around the world. At the time of his passing Buzz had worked all of the radio “entities” in the world except for two (North Korea and Scarborough Reef). In 1986 Buzz began assisting radio stations in parts of the world that did not have good postal services. His help allowed stations to confirm contacts with some rare and semi-rare countries. He wished he had kept track of all the stations he assisted as they must have numbered over 100. At the time of his death Buzz was still helping one of the stations that he began assisting back in 1986. In 2012 Buzz was honored as QSL manager of the year, a worldwide accomplishment given for his devotion to the stations he assisted and to ham radio in general. Ham radio helped Buzz to make numerous friends and visit many beautiful places around the world.

Another of the things that Buzz enjoyed greatly was singing with the Houston Lutheran Chorale. He and Quinta sang with the group for over 20 years. Buzz also served as President and Vice President of the Chorale. One of the many highlights of membership in the Chorale was a trip to England in 2000 to sing as the featured chorale at the Coventry Music Festival in Coventry, England.

Memorial Suggestions:

St. Mark Lutheran Church, Lake Jackson, Texas – Building Fund

Houston Lutheran Chorale, 800 Houston Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007

To send flowers to the family of William Martin Loeschman, please visit our [Heartfelt Sympathies Store](#).

<https://obitree.com/obituary/us/texas/angleton/palms-funeral-home/william-loeschman/3731618/>



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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

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TexasDXSociety/> (new)

TDXS says “HAPPY BIRTHDAY” to these members with birthdays in February:

Please notify the Editor if I have missed anyone or of any updates:

Dave Blaschke - W5UN
 James Clark - N5RO
 Bob Cooney - K1TU
 Mike Bragassa - K5UO
 James Parnell - W5JAW
 Don Butler - N5LZ
 Ronald Amox - K5EJO
 Jim Boockholdt - N4AL
 Bob Perring - N5RP
 Fred Pevoto - K5FP
 Marty Kirkland - WA5TMN

Mike Crownover - AD5A