



THE BULL SHEET

OFFICIAL NEWS BULLETIN OF

THE TEXAS DX SOCIETY

an ARRL affiliated club

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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT-The next regularly scheduled meeting of the TDXS will be at 7:00 p.m. on August 13, 1976. Please note the change in location. The meeting will be held at the Bonanza Steak House at 8307 Gulf Freeway. (use the Howard Dr-Monroe St. exit. Likely topics of discussion include the new contest club, the Contester of the Year Award, monthly meetings, and the results of the 1976 TDXS Field Day effort. Lots of fun as usual, if you can stand all the B.S.

Since there is no table service at Bonanza, try to arrive at 7:00 sharp and go through the serving line as you enter. The meeting room is to the rear as you exit the serving line. Please bear with us on the selection of meeting places this round. WB5IFY promises me we are still searching.

BICENTENNIAL CONTEST CROWDS ALL BANDS. The Bicentennial Contest sponsored by the ARRL aroused the contest spirit in contesters and non-contesters alike. The weekend bout crowded the bands with ops looking for "those thirteen colonies" or "my 200 QSO's for the wallpaper." (Even yours truly threw the '20 meter dummy load' up in the attic between two rafters for a few QSO's.) Plenty of big name call signs on, too...QST explains all the certificates and endorsements for those who qualified.

WHERE DID THE REPEATER GO???-No doubt a few of you have noticed the absence of the 96-36 machine. Through the help of WB5CFI, the machine is undergoing a major overhaul. An intermittent failure in the control system prompted the move. A.B. and myself are working hard to have the system back up before I leave to Brazil, but with one added bonus...AUTOPATCH...The machine will have Touchtone access autopatch as long as the members of the Gulf Coast DX Repeater, Inc. can support it. The treasury is currently in the red from expenses incurred for the phone lines and the incorporation fees. Therefore the Autopatch will be closed. This means the patch will be open to members only. The repeater will remain carrier squelch and open COR. After all...someone has to pay the phone bill.

ABOUT THOSE 2-LETTER CALL SIGNS... Check your extra class license. If you were first issued an extra class license before:

November 22, 1967

apply on October 1

July 2, 1974

apply on Jan. 1, 1977

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER
ABOUT YOUR APPLICATION

1. You may keep your present call sign if:
 - a) You move your present call to another location.
 - b) You apply for your new 2-letter call sign as a second station at a different address than your present call.
2. When choosing your two letter callsign:
 - a) Make a list of the 1 X 2 call signs that you prefer in order of their preference. HINT: A list of unassigned calls will be published by the ARRL for each call area. Consult August, QST or Headquarters for details.
 - b) Make your last choice - "Any 1 X 2 call sign presently unassigned"
 - c) Attach your list of preferences to your completed Form 610 with a check or money order for \$ 28.00. Do not forget to sign Form 610 or forget to include your extra class license.

FROM THE EDITOR-As your first and only editor of the Bullsheet, I would like to acknowledge contributions from WA5LES, K5LZJ, and WB5QWX. However, I am moving to PY1 for two years and will be leaving the duties of editor of the "Bullsheet" for Tom, WA5LES. Tom has agreed to publish the news in my absence, however he still needs support from the members. . .After all, its your club too.

While in Brazil, I hope to boost the club score by some DX-peditions, work allowing. I will be taking my gear, somehow.

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W4KFC VISITS THE TDXS

THE AUGUST MEETING OF THE TEXAS DX SOCIETY HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED

DATE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 1976

PLACE: CONTINENTAL STEAK HOUSE, 2900 S. SHAVER, PASADENA, TX.
(JUST NORTH OF SPENCER HWY)

TIME: 1900

TALK-IN: 146.34/94

AFTER THE "BULL SHEET" WENT TO PRESS, WE LEARNED THAT SOME VERY DISTINGUISHED VISITORS WILL BE IN TOWN. WELL KNOWN CONTESTER/DXER AND FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ARRL, VIC CLARK, W4KFC AND OUR WEST GULF DIVISION DIRECTOR, ROY ALBRIGHT, W5EYB, HAVE ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO ATTEND THE TDXS DINNER/MEETING ON FRIDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 20.

DINNER WILL BE A CHOICE OF 8 OZ. OR 10 OZ. RIBEYE STEAK DINNER. THE MEAL INCLUDES SALAD, MEAT, BAKED POTATO, SOFT DRINK, TAX AND TIP.

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS AND MEAL SELECTIONS ARE REQUIRED.

WE MUST GIVE THE STEAK HOUSE A COUNT BY AUGUST 17. PLEASE FILL OUT THE BOTTOM OF THIS FORM AND RETURN IT WITH A CHECK, OR CONTACT K5KYU (495-4885) OR WB51FY (482-0540) OR WA5LES (481-4586, 481-6297) FOR RESERVATIONS. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO TEXAS DX SOCIETY.

GUESTS AND VISITORS ARE WELCOME, BUT PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY.

RETURN TO: JOHN STEVENS, K5KYU, 12011 MULHOLLAND DR., STAFFORD,
TX. 77477

___ 8 OZ. @ \$9.00 each ___ 10 OZ. @ \$11.00 each \$___ Total enclosed

___ I don't want to eat, but I'll be there.

NAME: _____ CALL _____

PAYMENT WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED AT THE DINNER (NO PLASTIC MONEY, PLEASE).