



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 Friday, October 8, 1976 at 7:00 p.m. Please note the change in location. The October meeting will be held at the Brisket House, 1217 Pierce, between San Jacinto and Caroline. Exact directions were not available at presstime, so bring your 2-meter radio. However, WA5LES warns us not to leave your radio in the car. Park where you can find room. Talk in will be on 146.94 repeater. The 147.96/36 machine will be on the air from WB5CFI's location, with limited coverage.

The menu includes several varieties of BBQ, all of which are highly recommended. Bring a guest.

NCJ IS IN PRINT-As previously rumored, the National Contest Journal is again in print, courtesy of W6RTT. As always, full of useful information, and something about WA5LES' tower farm.

ARRL DX CONTEST RESULTS-October QST produced the results of the contest, with several TDXS members in the high ranks.

W5WZQ placed 3rd nationally on CW, and was the only W5 in the top ten.

K5PFL ended as Division Leader on Phone, All band mode.

K5BZU also found a spot as Division Leader on Phone in the high band mode..

The TEXAS DX SOCIETY placed 12th in the rankings of the club aggregate scores.

LAST CALL FOR QSL CARDS!!! K5KYU sends his last appeal for QSL card orders. John says that an unbelievable amount of bad luck befell our last order, and that delivery times should be much better for this order. Remember the fall contests and your bicentennial call sign when ordering cards.

ABOUT THE 96 MACHINE- Through all the trials and tribulations of myself (WA5WCT) and WB5CFI, and the NASA wirewrap skills of WA5LES, the .96 repeater is almost ready for installation. The autopatch logic is working OK, and only the control decoder needs final touches. I hope to have it operational by 10-15-76.

OCTOBER IS NOMINATION MONTH-Formal nominations for executive offices are being taken during the month of October. All nominations are to be in writing and directed to the Secretary John Stevens, K5KYU, 12011 Mulholland Drive, Stafford, TX 77477.

NEW MEMBER-Randy Thompson, WB5QDW, (now /4) is our latest addition to the ranks of the Texas DX Society. Although Randy is currently in Florida, he plans to return to Texas next year for college up in Malfunction Junction at W5AC (Texas A & M).

ELECTION RESULTS-27 of 32 club members voted in the last election. That amounts to a turnout of 84%.

MOTION 1-The motion of create a Baord of Directors passed with an 89% margin.

MOTION 2-The club voted to continue submitting club aggregate scores under the name of the Texas DX Society. In order to pass, this motion required a 75% majority of those voting, but only 41% of those returning ballots were in favor of submitting scores into the newly formed TACO.

MOTION 3-The motion to institute monthly meetings failed, only securing 50% of the vote, but required 75% of total membership to pass.

MOTION 4-The Texas DX Society voted not to establish an award for Contester of the Year at this time. The voting fell 50%/50%.

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TEXAS DX SOCIETY

With the limited number of business meetings we have had this year and with only two more meetings left (October - nominating meeting, December - banquet), some of the vital issues before the Society have been put into proposition form and included herein for a formal vote. Propositions 2 and 4 are also time oriented and should be resolved prior to contest season.

WE NEED A 100% MEMBERSHIP RESPONSE!!!

Ballot returns have been very poor recently. Several Constitutional issues have not gotten a fair chance because of insufficient ballot return. It is very difficult to progress without your vote - for or against.

THESE ISSUES WILL HELP FORM THE FUTURE OF THE SOCIETY - PLEASE VOTE!!

PLEASE RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 29...

PROPOSITIONS1. Establishment of a Board of Directors

This amendment will formalize the existing "board" and define its organization and responsibilities as follows: "The board will consist of the President and Vice President (elected), the Secretary/Treasurer (volunteer), and the appointed chairman (Field Day, meeting, contest*), and the Editor (volunteer). By a majority vote (51%), with at least five (5) members voting, the Board may act on behalf of the club on nonconstitutional matters which require real-time action between meetings. Such decisions shall be reported at regular business meetings at which time the decisions may be called for a general vote of confidence by the established voting procedures."

*The position of Contest Chairman may be deleted or replaced with an Awards Chairman, depending on the outcome of Propositions 2 and 4.

2. Club Aggregate Contest Score Submission

Does the club desire to continue formal submission of aggregate scores in the CQ and ARRL contests for those who wish to participate, or does the club desire to discontinue entries in deference to TACO (Texas Association of Contest Operators)?

3. Monthly Meetings

Does the club desire to hold monthly meetings where the odd month (January, March, May, etc.) meetings are limited to abbreviated non-constitutional voting meetings (social gathering as opposed to full-blown business meetings)?

4. Contester of the Year

Does the club desire to sponsor a "Contester of the Year" program as outlined in the announcement (attached)? This also would authorize an expenditure of up to \$75.00 a year of club funds.

5. Membership Ballot

Membership ballot for Randy Thompson, WB5QDW, is enclosed in this mailing. Randy is quite an active contester, placing well in a number of this last year's events. Most notable is his high placing in one of the CD parties of late. Randy has visited with us for the past several meetings.

THE TEXAS DX SOCIETY PRESENTS

THE CONTESTER OF THE YEAR

AWARD

1. Purpose To honor those USA amateur radio operators who have achieved individual proficiency in the art of amateur radio contesting to such a high degree of skill that their accomplishments deserve special recognition by their peers.
2. Eligibility The award is available only by application or nomination to all licensed radio amateurs in the United States of America.
3. Criteria Credit points toward all awards will be earned based on using the highest individual USA score in a given contest as the reference point for that contest. The individual high score earns 100 credit points. All other entrants in that respective contest earn credit points equal to the percentage their score is in relation to the individual high score.
4. Awards The amateur who has earned the highest number of credit points at the end of the specified year's contests will be awarded the CONTESTER OF THE YEAR award. Amateurs with credit point totals that are equal to 85% or more of the CONTESTER OF THE YEAR total will be awarded MASTER CONTESTER certificates.
5. Eligible Contests The following will be the only contests considered or allowed for award credit:

CQ Worldwide Phone	ARRL DX Phone	ARRL 10 Meter Test
CQ Worldwide CW	ARRL DX CW	ARRL 160 Meter Test
CQ Worldwide WPX	ARRL Sweepstakes Phone	
CQ 160 Meter Test	ARRL Sweepstakes CW	
6. Validation Credit points must be based on the official results listed in CQ and QST publications. No other credit will be allowed.
7. Application The applicant or nominee must enter a minimum of 7 of the 10 contests to be eligible. The application will list complete details including contest, mode, call sign used, publication and page number of results, total credit points claimed. For an applicant or nominee involved in multioperator efforts, the score of that station will be divided by the number of operators (as published in official results). Each operator then in turn receives credit points based on the quotient. Only two such contest entries will be allowed per applicant or nominee. Applications will not be accepted until the results of the last eligible contest have been published. Applications will not be accepted any later than the last day of the month following the month in which the above mentioned results appear.
8. Award Period The award period includes contests in a given contest season, October 1, to September 30.

BALLOT

PLEASE RETURN SEALED IN THE BALLOT ENVELOPE. SIGNATURE IS NOT
REQUIRED

Proposition 1 - Establishment of a Board of Directors

For _____

Against _____

Proposition 2 - Aggregate Score Submission

Continue Submitting _____

Discontinue Submitting _____

Proposition 3 - Monthly Meetings

For _____

Against _____

Proposition 4 - Contester of the Year

For _____

Against _____

Membership Vote - WB5QDW

For _____

Against _____