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MEETING NOTICE. The next meeting of the TDXS will be Friday, August 12 at 7 PM at the Brisket House, 1217 Pierce, Downtown Houston. Bring a friend, or an enemy you want Chuck to pick on.

FIELD DAY, A SUCCESS !!. Once in a great while a fraternal group comes along that can work together toward a common goal and bring off a top-notch effort that all participants enjoy. Such an effort was FD '77, TDXS style. With a goal in mind and under the leadership of K5MA, K5NA and N5DM, the 24 members and guests worked like a well-oiled machine, erecting 9 towers and 14 antennas, setting up 3 positions plus the Oscar and novice stations and then pounding out 3800+ QSO's. As gratifying as the results was the spirit of cooperation and the abundance of smiling faces. If that weren't enough, early rumors indicate that K5DX/5 should have 3A locked up nationally. Our freinds at RWK put up a great effort, coming within 150 QSO's, but the CW prowess of the TDXS really shone as we were around 500 QSO's ahead of RWK's tally, on code. With thanks to the Mayhall's for the use of the facility and to the 60%+ membership participation and the assistance of Madison Electronics, City Electronics and all of the others who contributed to the effort, Field Day 1977 goes into the history books as an overwhelming success and another example of Ham radio in action.

MEMBERSHIP HAPPENINGS: Butch, K5BSZ/W5GB, Charlie N5AM/W5TFC and George, K5KG/KL7IDH joined the TDXS membership in June. Welcome aboard, guys. WB5CFI has a shiny new quad and has been heard recently making holes in some nice size pileups on 20. W5WZQ has departed the area once again to take up residence in Midland. Also up to his dunes in sand, N5DM has QSYed to HZ on a new job assignment. We'll miss both Dave and Don and wish them well. (Who are we going to pick on?) The FCC is coming through slowly with WA5ZNY now N5JJ and K5LWL now K5GA. Kim seems to be well established in Rio. He keeps weekly schedules, Thursday evenings, 0000Z starting on 14025. For anyone wishing to drop in on him, his new address is: W.K. Carr, Rua Ministro Ramos Montero, 51; Apt. 1004 ZC 72; 20.000 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil. Check the VHF contest results in the new QST? K5LZO took S. Tex in multiop while WB5IFY brought home the TDXS club certificate! K5NA/3, K5JS/8, K5RC/6,2,4 and K5MA/VE7 have been keeping the airlines busy lately. If we can stay home a little more, maybe we could report some further accomplishments on the outstanding club business (like QSL's, programs, etc). K5BZU has acquired some acreage destined for loudness, K5WA is negotiating for a home to plant some steel, and, unfortunately, our member in-the-swamp, W5WMU, lost the antenna farm to a tornado. K5DX, also recently moved, is constructing some loudness from Highlands.

MORE MEMBER HAPPENINGS... W5RRX has taken a bride and WB5IGX has disposed of one. Oh well. Our student members, WA4ZHU/WB5QDW is all signed up to start at U.T. this fall, while WB5OOW is suffering through a summer in Kansas and getting ready to return to A&M this fall, and WA5ZNY survived his first semester and will return to U.H. next month. Over FD weekend WA5APD had a new arrival. There were apparently some complications, however. We hope everything turns out OK, Jeff.

CQWW DX CONTEST-PHONE results were in August CQ. K5LWL took top W5 and 7th nationally. W5NA took the W5-single band 14 certificate. K5DX, W5SBX, K5BZU and K5PFL were also in there banging away. The CW and club scores should be in next months CQ.

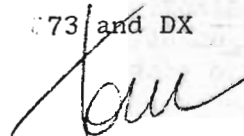
FCC CONTINUES trying to clear up the two-letter call problems. As of July 29, 2x2 calls are available in the 4th and 6th division. AA4AA through AA4ZZ and AA6AA through AA6ZZ are now available for issuance. The rest of the "A" block and the rest of the call areas will be held until the need arises. If you are a repeater control operator, the one year grace period after license expiration doesn't apply to your control operator privileges. Keep those licenses current! For those still confused, a new revision of the FCC rules (current thru 3/77) is now available for \$1.30 from the G.P.O., Washington, DC 20402. Order number 004-000-00338-1.

CALL LETTER TAGS: The deadline for 1978 call-letter license plates is October 1. Since about half the club has changed call signs over the year, you may want to change your tags, or get a second set for the "other" car. To apply for a new call, you must submit a "Form 53" to the Motor Vehicle Division. This form is available at the Tax assessors office downtown, or any annex that issues license tags. If you want to drop your old call, just throw away your renewal notice for the old call, which you should receive during August.

96/36 As anticipated, as soon as Kim left town, the DX repeater has been plagued with logic problems. The control link and the autopatch are suffering from temperature related problems. The machine has been down for about a month now. We are promised a new PLL decoder system and the rest of the logic is scattered around the workbench undergoing some upgrading. Hopefully, we will be back in business by the first snowfall.

BRING YOUR F.D. PICTURES TO THE AUGUST MEETING. WE NEED TO SELECT A FEW PRINT-WORTHY SHOTS FOR QST.

73 and DX



Tom, K5RC

I personally wish to thank all TDXS members for the outstanding FD effort this year. I have never witnessed such a successful venture of this magnitude. In particular, K5NA, K5RLW and N5DM are to be congratulated for their superb coordination efforts. WA5ZNY and WA5UHT were indispensable in the equipment supply category.

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