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MEETING NOTICE: The next regular meeting of the Texas DX Society will be Friday, 15 April, 7 PM, at the Brisket House. Start collecting your Field Day thoughts.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: A board of directors meeting was held on Tuesday, 8 March, 1977, at the home of Richard, K5PFL. The main topics of discussion were TDXS participation at the Contester's Convention in Houston on 2 April and methods of making the meetings more interesting. All six board members were present.

The board voted unanimously to have a TDXS hospitality suite at the convention headquarters hotel (Ramada Inn, Hobby Airport). An expenditure of \$50 was authorized for room rent for both Friday and Saturday nights. Refreshments will be purchased by means of donations from individual club members. We estimate that a total of \$150 will be required to stock the bar for both evenings. Donations are hereby solicited to support this effort. Please mail your checks to K5PFL as soon as possible so that budget plans can be made.

The hospitality suite will be open on Friday evening, 1 April, from approximately 8 PM until ?? and again on Saturday evening, 2 April, from 10 PM until ?? We will need volunteers to man the suite during these times. Also, we will require assistance in the bartending chores. Please contact K5PFL to volunteer your time. This will be an excellent opportunity to recruit potential members for TDXS; lets give it our best shot.

The board came up with a number of suggestions for programs to make the meetings more interesting. Among the suggested topics are talks including visual and audio aids addressing these often asked questions:

- 1) What are the DX characteristics of the six HF bands and how does one go about DX chasing on each band?
- 2) How do you select and erect effective antennas for each band?
- 3) What are the best operating techniques for DX chasing?
- 4) How do you effectively operate each of the major contests?
- 5) How do you go about working through OSCAR?
- 6) How do you get maximum DX QSL returns?
- 7) What equipment and techniques are used to work VHF/UHF DX (50, 144, 220 and 432 Mhz.)?

Any club members having the interest and expertise in these areas (or others) who would like to make a 30-60 minute presentation at one of our meetings please contact W5SBX/K5MA.

Jan Carman, W5SBX/K5MA

QSL CARDS: It is apparently going to take a cooperative effort by the membership to locate a reasonable printer for the club cards. If you have a source that you have used in the past or one you know of that might be willing to print our cards, either contact K5KYU/K5JS or send them a sample. We will provide the plates for the front (logo) and the back (report form).

"DX" NET: A net has been started on Sunday evenings at 8:30 PM on 147.96/36 to exchange DX info. WB5IFY is net control. It lasts about half an hour and is a good source of current "happenings".

CONTERTERS ROUNDUP: The mini-convention is shaping up to be a real event. All TDXS members should have received their announcements by now. As an extra added attraction, Bob Cox, K3EST, CQ WW DX Phone Editor (of W3AU fame) will be attending to moderate the CQ Forum. As announced, Jim and Rosalie Cain, WA1STN/WA1STO, will be here from ARRL along with guests from Louisiana, San Antonio, Dallas-Fort Worth and the Valley. The TDXS and TACO hospitality suites should provide ample opportunity for discourse and rhetoric over prolific liquid libation. Remember, it all starts Friday night, 1 April. Get your registrations in promptly. Contact K5RC (481-4586) for further details.

TWO LETTER CALLS: On March 3, the FCC issued two public notices on this subject. The first establishes a "closed season" (as of 3/3/77) on filing applications for second station and special events call signs because of (sic) "many frivolous applications" being received since the fees were suspended. This set the stage for the second announcement, Proposed Docket 21135. This goody would eliminate ALL call signs, other than primary station licenses (this includes second station, special events, repeater, club and RACES). If this docket passes you could keep your second station or repeater license until it expires. It would not be renewed, however. The only licenses that would be issued out of sequence would be amateur extra's requesting nonspecific 1x2 or 2x2 calls. Both announcements make some sense, but there's still no explanation why the January applications have been held up. Club members who have received them so far are: W5NMA-K5DX, W5WZQ-W5UN, WA5LES-K5RC, WA5WQF-N5DM, W5SBX-K5MA, K5KYU-K5JS, K5PFL-K5NA.

DAYTON HAMVENTION: Several club members have expressed an interest in attending the big bash this year. The board did a cost analysis, and the cheapest way to fly would still cost around \$250 each (all expenses included). To drive it would cost about \$100 to \$130 each assuming we can appropriate a "van" for the trip. We would leave Thursday around 7 PM and return Monday about 9 AM. NCJ has a block of rooms reserved, but we need to make a decision by the next club meeting (Dayton is April 30-May 1).

DXCC CHANGES: There are quite a few changes on the new DXCC list. CR8-Timor, FH8-Comoro, VQ9-Aldabra, VQ9-Desroches and VQ9-Farquhar have been deleted and D6A-Comoro and FH8-Mayotte have been added. There is no official word on S8 yet, but it should be a new one soon.

DX "NEED" LIST: K5PFL has taken on the task of compiling a list for all club members interested in being called when a needed country is heard. The list would be distributed to all participants and will include phone numbers and hours when you would want to be called. The list will be updated semi-annually, but "real-time" updates will be made weekly on the DX-NET. Contact K5PFL if you want to participate.

CLUB DXPEDITION: PY1ZCF has been issued to W5SBX for operation in the Brazilian state of Rio de Janeiro. W5SBX and WA5WCT (along with PY1RO) plan to put this call in operation during the second half of the ARRL DX CW Contest and, maybe, during the CQ WPX Contest. Pile-up preference will be given to TDXS members, of course! The scores, naturally, will count for the TDXS aggregate club score.

TDXS MEETING INVITATION SHEET: A new meeting "invitation" sheet has been prepared which formally invites a prospective member to attend a regularly scheduled meeting. The sheet explains what the club is and what our membership procedures are. Please notify K5KYU/K5JS of anyone you wish to have attend a meeting, and John will mail him the notice.

73 and DX,

*Tom*

Tom, K5RC/WA5LES