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MEETING NOTICE. The next meeting of the TDXS will be Friday, June 3, at the Brisket House, 1217 Pierce (downtown) at 7:00 p.m. Final FD plans will be the major topic of discussion.

FIELD DAY FEVER FILLS THE FIRMAMENT

FIELD DAY 1977
(TDXS vs. RWK)

This year's Field Day will be the biggest ever for the Texas DX Society. As many of you know, a challenge has been issued to the TDXS by the Richardson Wireless Klub and we have accepted! The challenge is for the three transmitter class. Because of the importance of this year's effort, Wes (K5RLW) and Richard (K5NA) have agreed to assist your Field Day Chairman, Don (N5DM) in coordinating the effort. This year, Field Day will fall on the weekend of June 25th and 26th.

If Field Day is to be a success, then all members must start planning right now! First off, start arranging time off from work for Thursday, June 23rd, and Friday, June 24th, and the weekend of June 25th - 26th. We need as many people there as early as possible. The idea is to have all stations ready to go by Friday afternoon so we can get the bugs out of the rigs. This will also eliminate the last-minute rush that we usually have Saturday morning. We also need equipment (Drake Lines, KWM-2s, etc.), memory keyers, antennas, antenna supports, antenna switches, tuners, tables, chairs, extension cords, coax connectors, lots of coax, and many, many more items. Start getting your stuff together now and labeling it with tags that have your call on it.

If we have a total effort of dedication and personal sacrifice, I think we will have a good chance of winning. Remember, the losers of this competition will have to eat a lot of crow while the winners can lay legitimate claim to being the "Best Contest Club in Texas." Let's go into this to WIN! I know that you guys can do it!!!!!!

73,

Richard, K5NA

A NEW CONTEST, SPORTS FANS. The next issue of the NCJ will announce a new contest called the North American Sprint. It is sponsored by NCJ with W6OAT, KØTO, KLLPA and K5RC on the contest committee. Basically, it is CW only, 4 hours long (0300 to 0700 GMT, 9-11-77), 160 thru 20, exchange number, name, state, club competition, single, multi-single and multi-multi between North America and the world (US-US, US-VE, US-DX, etc.). Some of the rules are innovative and logs will be closely scrutinized for accuracy. It ought to be a gas!

ARRL ON THE MOVE. Two of the positions near and dear to our hearts have changed hands. The DXCC desk is now occupied by Don Search, W3AZD. Don is probably one of the most avid DX'ers active today and ought to do a bang-up job. Jim Cain, KLTN, has resigned from the contest desk. Jim has taken a job in the Technical Department and no successor has yet been named. We're going to miss Jim.

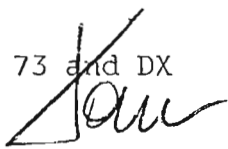
ADIOS, MY FRIEND. After many months of threats, Kim, WA5WCT/PYLZ?? is departing for Rio on May 29 to become the resident TDXS dx-pedition. We wish Kim and Mary well.

TWO-LETTER CALLS in the fifth district are getting scarce. One of the local QRP'ers recently got his 37th choice! Several members have had problems with the bureaucracy and are still waiting for their calls. There's no relief in sight, so have heart and persist.

SS RESULTS are in May QST. Considering the unsettled conditions last November, the club still managed a 13th place finish, with W5SBX (K5MA) taking the CW certificate and K5LWL getting the phone honors, along with a sixth spot nationally. Club members had two top ten spots in each mode. There were also two club members in the top ten QRP CW.

SPRINGTIME IN TEXAS. Check the guy wires and unplug the coax! The normal spring storms have already taken their toll. K5RC/K5LWL have lost the four element 40 to a tornado, and W5UN has lost his 40 and his CX7 to lightning. Beware!

73 and DX


Tom, K5RC