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IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR for the smell of missletoe, Jack Frost nipping at your rotator, hot-buttered Wild Turkey, the fat man coming down the chimney(not Richard), office parties and THE TEXAS DX SOCIETY BANQUET. This years feastivities will be at Bill Bennett's Restaurant, 1911 Caroline (across from St. Josephs Hospital) near the Pierce Elevated. The date is Saturday, December 17 and the coctail hour begins at 7PM with dinner from 7:30. The bill of fare is a 12 oz. T-Bone for \$5.60 or an 8 oz. Rib-eye for \$8.50. We have estimated the attendance, but would encourage members who will not attend and non-members who wish to attend please contact K5MA (444-0240) or WB5IFY (482-0540) or K5NA (331-4864). Everyone is welcome, we just want to insure enough seats. Caution: Park in the restaurant parking lot or on the street, but do not park in the lot on the corner of Austin and Pierce, lest your car be towed away. The meeting program will include a film from ARRL on the Talcott Mountain Science Center(control point for OSCAR) and some slides of the dark continent by George Wagner, K5KG. Y'all come!! Dont forget your YL/XYL.

ELECTION RESULTS. In accordance with the TDXS constitution, three people were duly nominated and found eligible, during October, and ballots were mailed and returned during November. None of the three candidates received a 50% majority, and, by the constitution, a runoff election is being conducted between the two candidates who received a majority of the votes. Enclosed is a ballot and an SASE. The ballots must be received no later than December 16. PLEASE RETURN YOUR BALLOT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THEY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE BANQUET. The monthly meeting proposition passed by a 75% majority. The straw vote on where the odd-month meetings would be held was mixed with members home receiving 43% of the votes followed by dinner meeting with 39% and meeting hall bringing up the rear with 18%.The board will meet and work out the details of the odd-month meetings. Jim Clark, N5RO, was elected as the newest TDXS member. Welcome aboard, Jim.

DUES TIME The banquet is a nifty way to cough up your 1978 dues. It saves 13¢ and reduces your dues to a meager \$10 (cheap). If you are permanently disabled and can't make the banquet, slip your check in the runoff ballot envelope. For the students, only six bucks is needed from your beer money to keep the treasury solvent. Associate membership is one lousy dollar, for those distant members across the water(the Sabine).

THE BULLSHEET At the last meeting, the membership voted to make the club newsletter available to non-members at a cost of \$2. per year. Contact K5NA or K5RC and we'll be happy to add you to the list.

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TOM'S SHORTS Yours truly opened his big mouth again and has been appointed to the CQ Magazine Contest Committee. That means I am QRV for complaints and suggestions about CQ contests, and, I will shortly be receiving a load of contest logs to check. I will also report regularly on the happenings of the CQ Contest Committee at the TDXS meetings. Dave, N5JJ was the guest of XE1FX for the CQWW CW contest. Dave got his own call, XE1AN, and had a good time, especially on 160. Contesters N6CJ (fresh from two successful weekends at KP4RF) and N8ET blew through town recently, but didn't land long enough to have any get-togethers. Those of you who missed the West Gulf convention in Austin really missed a fine gathering. TDXS was well represented and the Austin ARC did a first-class job of running the thing. Speaking of conventions, there has been some discussion of TDXS hosting a convention similar to the Contesters Convention last April. This will be a topic of discussion at the banquet, so collect your thoughts. Members K5GB, WB5GJD, WA5YEL, K5KYU, WB5IGX, WB5CFI, K5DEG, K5SOR, W5TFC, W5UN, N5AM, WA5APD, K5BSZ, W5NA, WB5OOW, all have QSL cards in the QSL Bureau dead file. If you don't get off the stick and get them some envelopes, they go in the can next July.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS N5DM has been reported to be operating aeronautical mobile over HZ land, since licensing prospects look slim. Those who thought they heard Midland slim in the CW DX test, it was really W5UN. Dave got his 4 el. 40 on his sky-needle and put in an excellent single-band 40 score. N5AM has left the NASA contracting racket and gone to work for a company that's trying to make money. Non-member (but loved by all) W5URU is recovering from a broken foot and is now half-cast. K5MA is busy on an SB220 kit. Jan hopes it radiates over the ocean but not down the street. The K5LZO sweepstakes machine was back in business this year with an outstanding low power CW effort. If you were confused about Sweepstakes, here's exactly what happened: Phone: WB5QWX was at K5NA and K5WA was at WB5IFY, but was K5WA and K5ZD was at K5TM while K5TM was at W5MYA and K5GA was at K5GA which is also K5RC while K5LZO and WD5CZF were K5LZO. CW: K5RC was at K5RC which is also K5GA, who wasn't while N5DU was also WB5QWX and K5NA was operated by K5PFL and K5LZO was alone. ok?

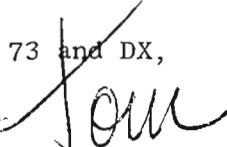
FIELD DAY EDITORIAL The December issue of QST contains the results of the 1977 FD. As expected, TDXS won the three transmitter class and beat RWK handily. As advertised the TDXS can now lay claim to the title of best contesters in Texas. As further evidence of our prowess, you had to go to 8A to find a score higher than our 11,986 point record breaking tally. Beyond that, you had to go to 16A to find the next higher score, making us the third high score in any category!! The QST writeup was the sorriest you've ever read. There was no mention of our accomplishment, nor anything relative to the actual competition. Our picture was not printed, and, to add insult to injury their correction of last year's mistake was screwed up again by getting the call sign wrong! DOES YOUR LEAGUE HAVE IT IN FOR THE TDXS??? C'mon, folks; our club put out a helluva effort to be buried down with BARF and the North Ridgeville, Columbia and Elyria pond swimming, creek stomping, mud sliding, tree climbing, crop destroying, operator drowning, renegade radio club.

DX NEWS J3 is the new prefix for VP2G. The rest of the VP2's will probably follow suit. SMØAGD made 18 QSO's from YI while demonstrating Amateur Radio to the government. Maybee... . A rumored 42 operators will be on from Bophuthatswana on December 6 using H5 call signs. This is a likely candidate for a new one. Don't forget the Sunday night DXers confab on 147.96/36 around 9PM, weekly.

CONTEST RESULTS The first half of contest season is about over, and club members were out there in force. Unfortunately there was little time to collect results before Bullsheet deadline, so most of the following scores are approximations and rumors. Please bring your summary sheets to the Banquet or get in touch with K5BZU so that we can tally our final scores. Remember log deadlines are December 26 for Sweepstakes and January 15 for CQWW-CW (CQWW-Phone was December 1). Some of the noteworthy efforts were: K5LZO's 160K "A" power SSCW score, K5RC's 175K SSCW score, K5GA's 1.3 Meg CQWW Phone tally, W5UN's 40 meter CQCW score and the CQCW Multi-Multi club effort from K5RC with 4.1 Meg. The SS Club aggregate should be around 2.4 Meg and the CQ aggregate is around 7.3 Meg.

	<u>SSCW</u>	<u>SSPHONE</u>	<u>CQWWCW</u>	<u>CQWWPHONE</u>
N5AF				.6K
K5BZU	--	72K	--	75K(15M)
K5DEG			?	
N5DU	149K(Multi)	110K	?	?
K5DX	--	--	--	413K
K5GA	--	213K	at K5RC	1.330Meg
K5GB	?			
WB5IFY		(K5WA)		6.8K(10M)
N5JJ/XE1AN			?	
K5JS	3K	--	--	--
W5JWM	--	--	--	?
K5KG	93K	40K	at K5RC	93K
K5LZO	160K	165K(multi)	?	?
K5MA	95K	3K	95K	55K(10M)
K5NA	115K	187K(QWX)	79K	84K
K5NU	148K	--	22K(80M)	16K(75M)
K5RC	175K	--	4.1Meg(m/m)	--
K5SOR	?			
W5UN	--	--	240K(40M)	--
K5WA	?	198K	at K5RC	?
N5WW	1K	171K	1.6K(15M)	130K
K5ZD	?	--	at K5RC	--
PY1ZDK	--	--	?	1K(15M)
WB5QWX	at N5DU	at K5NA	at K5RC	--

As you can see, there are a lot of blanks and questions that have to be filled in before the secretary letters go out. Lets not forget the deadlines!

73 and DX,


Tom, K5RC