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MEETING NOTICE. The next meeting of TDXS will be Friday, October 14 at 7 PM at the Brisket House, 1217 Pierce, Downtown Houston. Invite a QRPer who might pay our dinner bill.

TDXS FOREVER. The concept of a regional contest club seemed like a good idea at the time of its birth over a year and a half ago. The preliminaries were hacked out in a smoke filled room and presented to the active contesters by word of mouth over the next few weeks. Enthusiasm was high, the idea of pulling off another NCCC-type coup had everyone's (well, almost everyone) pre-contest adrenalin running strong. By carefully choosing a center, we could include the high density population areas and, with a little luck, be more competitive nationally than either of the local clubs could ever be. Alas, the road is never smooth. The driving forces of TACO also have goals to meet from their local clubs. There developed questions of conflicts in purpose and time constraints on the individuals who were spearheading the effort. During the convention in April, we got to meet each other and hash over the goals of our individual clubs and the problems and advantages of a regional club. An agreement was made between RWK and TDXS to try a one-time full scale effort in the 1977 SS to see if TACO would ever be a viable organization.

In recent months, the sentiment around RWK has drifted away from the regional club. In the latest "Chawed Rag" the RWK contest editor made an appeal for RWKers to participate in SS for their own club. Those who participated in the original agreement were still for holding to the agreement, but without the full support of both clubs, the purpose of the regional score submission was lost.

At the suggestion of RWK the agreement has been dissolved. It seems as though the time is not right and the organization is not viable enough to continue pushing for a regional club. We are, after all, not another North California. Both clubs have close fraternal ties, no one is mad and there is no real need for "another" club at this time. The "motivators" will continue to try to have get-togethers whenever and wherever we can to discuss our interests and visit with our friends, but the TACO organization, such as it is, has faded into history.

The April convention was a smashing success. It showed that Texas Hams can get organized and have productive meetings. Perhaps the interface created by TACO can be perpetuated and lead to more gatherings of contesters and DXers.

SPEAKING OF GET-TOGEATHERS The West Gulf Division Convention is coming up October 7-8-9. By the time you read this, the preregistration deadline will have passed, but it's not too late to make your plans. The Club will be well represented and it promises to be a good time. The contest forum will include our CAC representatives report on current goings-on in ARRL plus a few surprises. The DX forum will include the story of the 1S1A operation and perhaps some last minute guest speakers. There will be a contest/DX dinner Saturday night, away from the hotel. Details will be posted in the lobby. If you'd rather get together with the gang than sit through the normal banquet, catch K5TM or K5RC on Saturday or at one of the hospitality rooms. If you haven't received the convention announcement, it will be held at the Hilton Inn, Middle Fiskville Rd, Austin, 78752. Registration information can be obtained from Gene Preston, K5GP, 906 Cedar Glen, Austin 78745. Y'all come.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS. The new calls continue filtering in. K5RLW is now N5 Wes Whiddon, WA5ZNY is N5 Jockey Junk, WB5QDW is K5 Zero Defects WA5NGH is N5 Dirty Underwear and nominee WB5TMI is N5 Rotten Operator. No word yet from N5DM or WB5MYO. Maybe they fell into an Arab oil well. K5LZO is raising some aluminium at the Funny Farm, finally. They were tearing up the microwaves during the VHF contest. K5GA is actually working for a living. Wonders will never cease. W5JWM and K5DX have made the big move to 2 meter FM. 10-4?? Has anyone seen K5JS?

PSE QSL OM. The first batch of QSL's has been received from the printer. The quality is very good and K5BZU's XYL deserves a "well done". Now then; everyone who needs cards, now is the time. Richard, K5NA, is taking the orders for immediate processing. He needs a sketch, or at a minimum, an exact, clear copy of what you want on the card. If you intend to order and want to be included, call Richard at 331-4864. At the same time, mail your sketch and a check for \$26.25 made out to Theil Printing to Richard King, 1821 Meadowview, Alvin, 77511. Your thousand cards should be ready very quickly thereafter.

TOMS BRIEFS We still need a print-worthy photo of something unusual at Field Day to send to QST. Please get one to K5RC, pronto. 96/36 is back in business with a new control system and hopefully, a little more reliability. A majority of the local TDXS members are active on two, now, and the repeater is there for us to use. DXAC has recommended the addition of Transkei and South Sudan for DXCC. They also recommended that Geyser be deleted under Rule 4. The FCC has deleted the sending test from license examinations. They are also phasing out the "grandfather" clause. If you got your license prior to April, 1917, you have until March 1, 1978 to get your automatic extra. Lets talk about monthly meetings, weekly nets on 96/36 and programs at the October meeting. October QST is on its way. K5LWL is #6 on phone and W5UN is #9 on CW. The WA5LES crew is #4 in multi-multi-CW. Read all the other gory details of the ARRL DX test when your copy arrives.

WHO-WHAT-WHERE With the rapid growth of TDXS and the changing call signs, it's sometimes difficult to remember who's who in the TDXS. The membership roster requires computer time, and is only updated annually. Therefore, the rest of this page is a handy-dandy cutout to hang on the wall of your shack. It's a compendium of quick reference data you may need over the next few months.

TDXS ROSTER

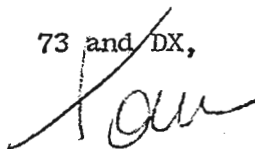
N5AF	SAM	(K5LZJ)	Cleveland	K5MA	JAN	(W5SBX)	Houston
N5AM	CHARLIE	(W5TFC)	Clear Lake	WB5MYO	MARSHALL		Saudi Arabia
WA5APD	JEFF		Cleveland	W5NA	LEON	(W5ZR)	Hattisburg, Miss.
K5BZU	AL		Houston	K5NA	RICHARD	(K5PFL)	Alvin
WB5CFI	A.B.		Houston	K5NU	MIKE	(W5OIB)	Portland
WD5CZF	KEN	(WB0NFY)	Friendswood	WB500W	DAVE		Bryan
K5DEG	MAC		Nederland	K5PFE	ROBERT		Cleveland
N5DM	DON	(WA5WQF)	Saudi Arabia	WB5PTW	ED		Houston
N5DU	BOB	(WA5NGH)	Houston	WB5QWX	DENNIS	(WB8FU0)	Houston
K5DX	SHARP	(W5NMA)	Highlands	K5RC	TOM	(WA5LES)	Houston
K5GA	BILL	(K5LWL)	Beaumont	W5RRX	MIKE		Houston
K5GB	BUTCH	(K5BSZ)	Houston	K5SOR	DAVE		Salado
WB5GJD	DALE		Belton	WA5UHT	ALEX		Houston
WB5HOD	WES		Nederland	W5UN	DAVE	(W5WZQ)	Midland
WB5IFY	TOM		Friendswood	K5WA	RICH	(WB2UFG)	Houston
WB5IGX	GLEN		Houston	WA5WCT	KIM		Rio de Janeiro
N5JJ	DAVE	(WA5ZNY)	Houston	W5WMU	PAT		Lafayette, La.
K5JS	JOHN	(K5KYU)	Stafford	N5WW	WES	(K5RLW)	Houston
W5JWM	FRANK		Houston	WA5YEL	ED		Georgia
K5KG	GEORGE	(KL7IDH)	Cypress	K5ZD	RANDY	(WB5QDW)	Austin
K5LZO	CHUCK		Magnolia				

CALENDAR

OCTOBER 7-8-9	West Gulf Division Convention, Austin, Tx.
OCTOBER 8-9-10	CD Party, CW. Starts 6PM (local) Saturday, Ends Midnight Sunday.
OCTOBER 14	Texas DX Society Meeting, 7PM, Brisket House, Houston
OCTOBER 15-16	CD Party, Phone. Starts 6PM Saturday, Ends Midnight Sunday.
OCTOBER 29-30	CQ Worldwide Phone. Starts 7PM Friday, ends 6PM Sunday.
NOVEMBER 5-6	SS CW. See October QST for details.
NOVEMBER 19-20	SS PHONE. Ditto
NOVEMBER 26-27	CQ Worldwide CW. Starts 6PM Friday, Ends 6PM Sunday
DECEMBER 3-4	ARRL 160 CONTEST. See November QST
DECEMBER 10-11	ARRL 10 M. CONTEST. See November QST
DECEMBER 17	Texas DX Society Banquet

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN, SPORTS FANS. Soon the first cool front will blow through South Texas, the Sunday afternoon football games will keep the boob-tube warm, and contest season will be upon us. Those of us who participated in the North American Sprint already had a taste of adrenalin, but for the rest, its time to dust off the DX40 and put the 80 meter inverted vee back up. This year, TDXS will be going all out in the CQ WW, SS and ARRL DX tests. The club has grown considerably in the last two years, and the newcomers may not be familiar with the spell that falls over the membership every year at contest time. The guys eyes turn glassy, their sending fingers start to twitch and they walk around mumbling "get RWK" under their breath. Although we are outnumbered, we always give RWK a helluva run for their money, and, as Field Day proves, what we lack in numbers, we make up in skill and enthusiasm. This year, the membership stands a good chance of sweeping the state and reversing the tide in our long-standing rivalry with RWK. The 'big-guns' are always in there, but the casual testers and the guys who just get in for the club are the ones who make the difference. At the October meeting, K5BZU will have log sheets, dupe sheets and summary sheets available for everyone. If you cant make it, give Al a call at 481-0736 and we will get you the forms in the mail. Even if you can only work phone or only can spend an hour or two, it will help the club score. If you need a place to operate or have a station that a guest operator can use, contact K5BZU or K5NA or K5RC and we'll try to match up the operators with the stations. LETS GET RWK ! ! ! !

73 and DX,



Tom, K5RC