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MEETING NOTICE The next TDXS meeting will be Friday, February 10, at the Brisket house, 1217 Pierce, Downtown. The frivolity begins at 1900. (The serious eating begins shortly thereafter).

OFFICIAL STUFF. The runoff election held in December was made official at the banquet. The 1978 officers of TDXS are: Jan Carman, K5MA, President and C.E. Sharp, K5DX, Vice President. The remainder of the Board remains the same: K5JS, Secretary; WB5IFY, Meetings; K5BZU, Contests; K5RC, Editor; and TØBD is still Field Day.

DXAC NEWS. In the latest report of the DXAC has some interesting tidbits. As previously announced, Geysers Reef is being deleted, but the committee recommends the continuation of Spratley and the Neutral Zone as countries. They reversed their decision of last March and recommended that Transkei and South Sudan be added as new countries. Remember, these are only recommendations, don't send your cards in yet! They also recommended that Water Island (in the Virgin Is.) not be accepted. If that's where KP4EAJ and crew intend to operate the "new one" in the ARRL DX test, they might as well stay home. Once again, the Pribilofs (in the Bearing Sea) were rejected for country status. The committee also has filed recommendations not to delete countries that are not presently issuing Amateur licenses.

Several items are on the agenda coming up for committee vote. There is a proposed rule to add a category for "unusual Miscellaneous Areas", such as Neutral Zones, Demilitarized Zones, embassies, consulates and monuments which would prohibit any of these from having country status. Further, they will vote (should this pass) on whether to delete any countries which fall in to this category. Also up for vote is whether or not to delete Spanish Sahara (EA9) and a final hot issue on whether QSL cards for single-mode DXCC should state "two-way" on the card. If you have any strong feelings on these issues, the DXAC would like to hear from you. The W5 representative is Louie Muhleisen, K5LM, Box 73, Metairie, La 70004. Louie would love to hear from you guys.

Also apparent from the report is a lot of friction between DXAC, Headquarters and the Board of Directors. Look for some new, more concise definitions on the functioning of the DXAC and the DXCC.

ADDENDA. Once again we've enclosed something to hang on your wall. This time it's a calendar of meetings and events for 1978 and a list of countries that the ARRL outgiving bureau services. \$1 and a QST mailing label will send any number of cards to the listed countries. Try it, you'll like it!

CLUB BUSINESS. At the January meeting, there was a lively discussion of what to do about Field Day. Among the suggestions offered were: Same place as last year with a full-out effort; Split up in to teams; find a location closer to Houston; go to the beach; have a casual Field Day.

One of the noteworthy suggestions, whichever way we go, is to be sure that everyone gets a chance to operate and those who are not "hot shot" operators be assisted by a logger who will help develop their operating skills. What better place than F.D. to help fellow club members improve their technique? Be prepared for a vote on F.D./1978 at the February meeting.

At the Banquet, a resolution was adopted to hold the meetings according to regional population of the active members. The attached schedule reflects that distribution. The meeting chairman needs help in finding suitable meeting places in the various parts of the county.

The club needs help in preparing a program for the Texas VHF Convention to be held here in August. The most viable suggestion is a "primer on DX'ing". K5MA needs assistance with this project. Other subjects to be voted on at the next meeting are: 1) To make a presentation to HARC to establish a community TVI committee and 2) To make presentations to other local clubs on the use of 96/36 for DX spotting. All of these will need warm bodies to implement. Bring your volunteering hand with you.

Also hanging fire is the club DXCC "need" list. This project is sorely needed and it needs an ambitious young volunteer to implement and maintain. Do we see a show of hands? Dave Bean, W5ZQR was introduced and is in nomination.

DUES TIME. Let's come up with the scratch, you deadbeats. \$10 aint much. For students, its a poultry \$6 and for you that are far away, \$1 will keep you in the fold.

MEMBER NEWS. We welcome two new members this month. Tom, K5CNN and Fred, K5FP have been voted in. Welcome aboard!! N5JJ is making another expedition. This time it's to Hitchcock for the CQ 160 to use a commercial installation in a multi-op with big brother. K5NU was, at last report, planning a similar trip to a commercial setup for the same reason. 160 should be covered with TDXS members the 28-29th; WB5QWX is scdeduled for a C6A DXpedition over the ARRL Phone weekend in February. Look for the Bahama QRPer and give him a contact.

TOMS SHORTS. Check the attached calendar. The second half of the contest season is upon us. Let's get a big club effort going in the ARRL DX test. The Field Day Editorial in the last issue has been circulated around Headquarters. Maybe justice will be served. Be careful when you finish a DX QSO with the standard "QSL SURE VIA BURO". Your hon. ed. received a QSL from an HA5 recently with a note scrawled on the top that said: "Don't forget, you promised a QSL". With all due humility, the latest issue of the NCJ has an excellent "who's who" of 2 letter call signs. If you don't subscribe, you ought to. A post card to Box 3762, Glendale, Ca 91201 will bring you a sample issue. That's it for now.

73 and DX,



Tom, K5RC

P.S. A hearty thanks to the Whiddons for hosting the January TDXS meeting.

TEXAS DX SOCIETY
1978 CALENDAR

| MONTH | MEETINGS | | LOCATION | OTHER EVENTS |
|-----------|----------|--|-----------|--|
| | DATE | | | |
| January | 13 | | Southwest | CQ-160 (28-29) |
| February | 10 | | Central | ARRL-Phone(4-5) ARRL-CW(18-19) VHF SS logs due(20) |
| March | 10 | | Southeast | ARRL-Phone(4-5) ARRL-CW(18-19) WPX(25-26) |
| April | 14 | | Central | ARRL logs due(17) |
| May | 12 | | Northwest | |
| June | 2 | | Central | ARRL-VHF(10-11) AA-Phone(17-18) Field Day (24-25) |
| July | 14 | | Southeast | IARU Radiosport(8-9) |
| August | 11 | | Central | WAE-CW(12-13) Can-Am(19-20) AA-CW(26-27) |
| September | 8 | | Northeast | VE/W-(16-17) West Gulf Convention, El Paso (1-3) |
| October | 13 | | Central | CQ-Phone(28-29) |
| November | 10 | | Southwest | SS-CW(4-5) SS-Phone(18-19) CQ-CW(25-26) |
| December | 16 | | Banquet | ARRL-160(2-3) ARRL-10(9-10) |

COUNTRIES ACCEPTED FOR THE ARRL OUTGOING QSL BUREAU (1/78)

Countries for which the ARRL-Membership Overseas QSL Service may be used.

| | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Algeria | Faroe Islands | Jordan | Peru |
| Antarctica | Fiji Islands | Kenya | Philippine Islands |
| Argentina | Finland | Korea | Poland |
| Austral/ | France | Kuwait | Portugal |
| French Antarctic Lands | French Oceania | Liberia | Puerto Rico |
| Australia | German Democratic | Liechtenstein | Rhodesia |
| Austria | Republic | Luxembourg | Romania |
| Azores | Germany, Federal | Madeira Islands | Rwanda |
| Bahama Islands | Republic of | Malagasy Republic | Samoa (American) |
| Bahrain | Ghana | Malawi | Senegal |
| Barbados | Gibraltar | Malaysia | Seychelles |
| Belgium | Great Britain | Maldives | Singapore |
| Bermuda | (or British | Malta | South Africa |
| Bolivia | Commonwealth) | Mariana Islands | Spain |
| Botswana | Greece | Marshall Islands | Sri Lanka |
| Brazil | Greenland | Mauritius | St. Vincent |
| Bulgaria | Guam | Mexico | Surinam |
| Burundi | Guantanamo Bay | Midway Islands | Sweden |
| Canada | Guatemala | Monaco | Switzerland |
| Canal Zone | Haiti | Mongolia | Syria |
| Capa Verde Islands | Honduras | Morocco | Tanzania |
| Chile | Hong Kong | Mozambique | Thailand |
| Colombia | Hungary | Netherlands | Trinidad and Tobago |
| Cook Islands | Iceland | Netherlands Antilles | Turkey |
| Costa Rica | India | New Zealand | Uruguay |
| Cuba | Iran | Nicaragua | U.S.S.R. |
| Cyprus | Ireland | Nigeria | Vatican |
| Czechoslovakia | Israel | Norway | Venezuela |
| Denmark | Italy | Oman | Virgin Islands |
| Dominican Republic | Ivory Coast | Pakistan | Western Samoa |
| Ecuador | Jamaica | Panama | Yugoslavia |
| El Salvador | Japan | Papua New Guinea | Zaire |
| Ethiopia | Johnston Island | Paraguay | Zambia |

OVERSEAS QSL SERVICE NOTES

In the October, 1976, announcement of the ARRL Membership Overseas QSL Service, a list of some 126 countries was shown for which QSL forwarding service could be provided. The following list shows additions that have been made since the article was written as well as clarification of places that cards can be forwarded to:

| | |
|---------------|----------------------|
| Afghanistan | Indonesia |
| Alaska | ITU-Geneva |
| Angola | Jan Mayen |
| Antigua | Lesotho |
| Ascension Is. | New Caledonia |
| Cayman Is. | Northern Ireland |
| Rep. of China | San Marino |
| Congo Rep. | Scotland |
| Dominica | Sierra Leone |
| Egypt | St. Helena |
| Falkland Is. | St. Lucia |
| French Guiana | Svalbard |
| Grenada | Togo |
| Guadaloupe | United Arab Emirates |
| Guyana | Wales |
| Hawaiian Is. | |

If there is no listing for a country, it means that currently no distribution point exists to send QSLs. Cards received for such areas will be held until such time as a distribution point does exist.

Expansion of the Overseas QSL Service now includes the acceptance of QSLs for a station licensed to an ARRL affiliated club. Generally, since no QST address labels are available for such a club station, the QSLs that are sent should include a note indicating the club name. Club secretaries might check to see that their club's affiliation papers are current.

Another expansion of the QSL Service is the exchange of cards between U.S. and Canadian stations.