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MEETING NOTICE: The next official meeting of the TDXS will be Friday, June 2, at the Brisket House, downtown, 1217 Pierce. The serious drinkers arrive at 7 PM. If you don't come, you will be assigned a Field Day operating assignment with Dennis.

96/36 and TDXS: Because of recent FCC rulings regarding autopatches, a TDXS board meeting was held on May 5 to map out a plan to reorganize the DX repeater. The Gulf Coast DX Repeater, Inc, at present is run by TDXS members (K5RC, WB5IFY, N5WW, K5TU) and most of the users are TDXS members. The repeater also sells subscriptions to the autopatch to help defray some of the costs of running the autopatch. The FCC has now said that selling subscriptions violates ITT tariffs with the FCC. Rather than trying to work around the ruling, the board came up with a proposal to have the TDXS acquire all assets of the repeater, run the repeater as a machine dedicated to the TDXS and dissolve the old repeater organization. At present, 70% of the membership lives within repeater range. Of that group, 90% are active on 2 meters and 70 percent of that group is active regularly on 96/36. The following actions were ratified by the membership at the May meeting:

1. The TDXS will assume the assets of the Gulf Coast DX Repeater, Inc, and the repeater organization will dissolve.
2. Each member of the TDXS will automatically become a paid up member of the repeater. An autopatch access code will be issued to every member within repeater range and a code will be issued to any other member who requests one.
3. A donation of \$15 a year will be requested for repeater maintenance. The Donation is entirely voluntary, and, if 47% of the club members donate, the repeater will be self sufficient. (The control lines cost \$ 320 a year)
4. All present subscribers who are not members will be terminated, and the repeater will be advertised as "closed" for TDXS members only.

There are two Constitutional issues which have to be voted on by the full membership. You will find a ballot enclosed with two propositions:

1. In order to avoid individual liability concerned with the repeater (and with Field Day, the Convention, etc.) The TDXS will be Incorporated as a non-profit corporation. The constitutional vote is to officially change the Club name to The Texas DX Society, Inc.
2. The second constitutional matter is the proposed creation of another board position of Repeater Chairman. This chairman, and his working subcommittee will be responsible for repeater maintenance and control.

Repeater policy will be set by the Board of Directors. At present, K5RC (trustee of WR5AIC) will continue as Repeater Chairman, and the present subcommittee and control operators will continue. As most of you know, Constitutional changes are difficult because of the number of members required to vote to make a quorum, so please vote and return your ballots ASAP.

THE CONVENTION: Since last report there have been some real developments in the Texas VHF-FM Society Convention plans. At the suggestion of TDXS, Herb Johnson of Atlas Radio was approached as a guest speaker for the DX Forum. Herb is one of the operators of the Clipperton DXpedition. He has committed to be there and will also contribute to the prizes and have a booth. The Friday night hospitality suite is also shaping up with plans to have W5MYA from the ARRL contest committee and K5RC of the CQ contest committee in attendance answering questions, plus QSL displays, slide shows, films and lots of b.s. K5KG is making up the QSL display. George wants to have some cards from every club member in the display, making up all the DXCC countries. Dig out your juiciest DX and get the cards to George. We also want a display of all the club QSL's. Put one of each you have in the return envelope enclosed. Richard is making up a primer on DXing presentation, and he needs help with tape recordings of pilups and DX operating practices. Lets get busy and make this convention a smash.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS: Well, persistence pays off. W5IFY passed his extra and should be the first club member to receive a 2 x 1 call sign. Maybe AC5A? Two of our college members have returned to roost for the summer. N5JJ and K5ZD are having a liesurly summer modulating the front counter at Madison Electronics. Our Aggie, K5GN has departed for a summer in Kansas. Meanwhile, PY1ZDK alias K5TU is home on annual leave. If Kim has his way, it may be a loooooong vacation. W5UN is displeasing his neighbors in Midland by erecting some of his modest hardware in the backyard. Dave presently has a 4 el. 40, a 7 el 20 and a 10/15 on his skynedle. K5LZO is about to top off his 140 footer with some loud VHF arrays for the June contest. K5WA is out in the sun digging some holes to plant some Rohn trees at his new house. The most avid member award goes once again to K5NU who drives up from Portland for the meetings. On his way home last time, Mike had two wrecks. He's ok but his car is a mess. W5JWM has recovered from his visit by the neighborhood burglar and has a new 2 meter rig. W5QWX picked another great place to move to. He had a 2 meter beam up for two days before they made him take it down. N5NW will soon be joining the happy commuters on I-45 when he moves to Conroe this month. (To be more precise, he will be just this side of Cut 'n Shoot, Texas). Get ready, beam team, Wes finally has some land.

TOM'S SHORTS: Wow, gang, we really did a number in Sweepstakes last year. The TDXS finally broke in to the top 10. The South Texas listing is getting as long as the Connecticut listing in QST, and most of the entrants are TDXSers. There were some fine individual efforts, especially the record breaking low power effort by K5LZO. Gess the old master hasn't lost his touch. The average score per entry was the highest in the top ten. Who says that a local club doesn't have a chance. Wait until this year.

FIELD DAY: The momentum is growing for the highlight of the TDXS year. Virtually the entire club gets bit by the FD bug as June grows closer and the adrenalin flows while the beer starts to chill. For the newcomers it goes something like this: July; "never again. We're crazy for busting our butts like that." August; "hey, we did pretty good again this year, but it was too much work, next year we'll get a beach house and relax." September thru November; everyone is too busy with contests to worry about Field Day. December; QST arrives. "We did it again. A little club like TDXS whipped up on everyone. Not bad..." January thru March; holidays and contests again. Meeting attendance is down when we start discussing FD again. April; post contest depression sets in. Volunteers reluctantly get appointed to FD tasks. May; "... you know we really can't have FD without a 40 meter beam!..with 10 and 6 the way they are we can put in a reasonable effort with only 5 or 6 towers"...."but if we're going to go through that much trouble, we might as well put up one for 40 phone and cw." June; "well if we whipped them that bad in 3A last year, we ought to be able to stomp them in 4A Let's get started on Wednesday, this year..."

And so it goes. In 1978, with the usual spirit of cooperation and fellowship that the TDXS has been known for, we stand a mighty good chance of pulling it off in 4A. At the April meeting we voted to go 4A along with the random operating assignments. Rig captains were appointed as follows: Station 1(10-20-80 CW) N5DU. Station 2(10-20-80 SSB) N5WW. Station 3 (15 CW-40 SSB) K5RC. Station 4 (15 SSB- 40 CW) N5JJ. VHF and Novice, K5LZO/N5AF. We got the OK to use the Demny site, but the club voted to consider another site in Brenham before making a final decision. That site is not available, but WB5IFY has some alternatives that we will discuss at the June meeting and a final choice will be made at that time. Those of you who volunteered equipment and antennas, now is the time to get them working and ready to go. Don't forget, K5RC will align any gear to be used for FD, freebee. Let's get with it, the band captains need help, now!

CONTEST WRAPUP:K5BZU has finalized the results of the contest season past and that writeup appears in the Bullsheet. Also enclosed is a copy of the Sprint rules for this year.

HASTAFISHI SCRATCHI SAYS if hon. membership gets tired of hon. ed's ramblings in Bullsheet, hon. ed. solicits any goodies hon. membership can contribute to make newsletter more interesting. Sayonara.

73 and DX,



Tom, K5RC

CONTEST SUMMARY

	ARRL SS CW	ARRL SS PHONE	ARRL DX PHONE	ARRL DX CW	CQWW PHONE	CQWW CW
K5RC	171,988	-	-	6,487,206 <sup>6</sup>	-	3,895,886
K5ZD	159,840	-	-	-	-	-
K5LZO	153,180	161,912 <sup>4</sup>	-	-	-	-
K5NU	147,600	-	-	-	15,738(80)	22,388(8)
K5FP	115,488	-	-	-	-	-
K5NA	114,878	185,624 <sup>3</sup>	-	271,362 <sup>5</sup> (MS)	84,456	79,060
K5WA	114,610	193,650	840	-	-	-
K5MA	95,472	3,174	59,682	166,014	54,740(10)	95,424
K5KG	94,896	44,800	399,456(MS)	-	-	-
K5GB	90,000	41,400	-	22,850(H)	-	-
N5WW	864	178,932	154,350	2,100	130,310	1,617(1)
N5DU	147,600 <sup>1</sup>	111,398	-	-	-	-
K5GA	-	208,950	-	-	1,291,264	-
K5BZU	-	71,142	562,860(H)	2,200(H)	75,210(15)	-
K5TM	-	231,300 <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-
K5JS	-	-	3,434	10,159	-	-
K5DX	-	-	973,053	-	-	413,220
PY1ZDK	-	-	890,000	1,011,516	-	849,695
W5UN	-	-	-	-	-	246,584
XELAN	-	-	-	-	-	1,456,442 <sup>7</sup>
WB5IFY	-	-	-	-	6,837(10)	-
N5AF	-	-	-	-	660	-
N5JJ	-	-	-	-	10,934	-

<sup>1</sup> N5DU, WB5QWX

<sup>2</sup> K5ZD

<sup>3</sup> WB5QWX

<sup>4</sup> K5LZO, WB5RUS, WD5CZF

<sup>5</sup> K5NA, K5MA

<sup>6</sup> K5RC, K5GA, K5KG, K5LZO, K5NU, K5WA, K5ZD, N5AM, N5DU, N5JJ, N5WW, W5WNU

<sup>7</sup> N5JJ

MS - multi single

H - high band

Another contest season is about over, and it looks like club members have set some new all time records. In Sweepstakes the club placed 7th. This was the first time the club has been in the top ten and I am sure it is only the beginning. Next year number 6 or 5 or ? Also in the SS K5RC and K5LZO were 7th and 1st respectively in high and low power. The CQ WW high claimed scores had several club members high in the ratings: W5UN 1st on 40cw, K5NU 5th on 80cw, K5RC 4th in his multi-multi effort, XELAN and PY1ZDK both single op all band placed 6th and 15th respectively. In the phone contest K5GA was 9th all band single op, and K5NU was 9th on 80m. The ARRL did not publish a high claimed score summary, so it looks like we will be kept in suspense until October QST comes out. There is one more contest coming up worthy of note: The 1978 Radiosport Championship--July 8-9, 1978. See May QST for details.

Now is the time to get your antennas up and rigs in tip top shape for the Fall contest season. The bands should be better than last year with the sun spot cycle on the up swing and better bands mean more and better DX. Good luck and see you all in the pileups.

One last note: Tom K5RC has done it again and compiled an impressive score in the 10m contest. He placed a close second.

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