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MEETING NOTICE: The next regular (?) TDXS meeting will be Friday, February 9, 7:00 p.m., at the Brisket House, 1217 Pierce, Downtown Houston. The real untold story of what happened to N5DU on New Year's Eve will be told.

THE BANQUET was a smashing success. We've said that in past years, but this one was the coup de gras. As advertised, there was plenty of liquid libation, fine biz barbeque, a meeting that the ladies didn't have to sit through and dancing on into the wee hours. Those of you who missed it, better not miss the next one. We've already reserved the Club for next year's banquet! The 1979 Officers were installed. They are: President, C. E. Sharp, K5DX; V.P., Jan Carman, K5MA; Sec/Treas., John Stevens, K5JS; and the Board remained the same. At the January meeting, President Sharp appointed K5TU to the board as Repeater Coordinator. If you paid for banquet tickets and could not attend, you have until March to request a refund from K5JS.

1979 MEETINGS: The schedule was announced at the banquet and, as usual, the meetings are the second Friday of the month, except June (F.D.) and December (Banquet-Saturday). Look at the meetings in your part of town and find some dandy location to input to AA5Y.

January 12	Southeast
February 9	Downtown
March 9	Northeast
April 13	Downtown
May 11	Southwest
June 1	Downtown
July 13	Southeast
August 10	Downtown
September 14	Northwest
October 12	Downtown
November 9	Southwest
December 15	Banquet

Our average attendance is now over 30, so we need larger quarters for the meetings. BCNU.

SILENT KEY: Jim Freeman, K5HXR, passed away in late December. Although he was a relatively new Club member, most of us had known him for years as one of the most colorful characters in Ham Radio in Houston. He coordinated the site for the 78 Field Day and did a great deal of the work to make that effort a success. We will all miss his wit and friendship.

THE BOARD MET in January to handle some pressing business. The Club has entered into an agreement with Pasadena Civil Defense to provide the services of the repeater in an emergency situation. This has always been one of the requirements of keeping this location, and the letter of agreement formalized it. The Board also heard a proposal to change the repeater location to a high rise building on the West Loop. This will increase the antenna height to 310' from the present 180' without deterioration of coverage in the Southeast. A feasibility study is underway to determine the proposed move. Recommendations for the 1979 Field Day activity were discussed. K5NA will send out a mailer shortly to find out exactly what the membership wants to do this year.

The Board also considered the Bylaws of the Southeast Texas Amateur Radio Council. As promised, the following is a synopsis of the Bylaws:

1. Membership is open to any bonafide Ham Radio Club
2. Each club will send two delegates to the council
3. Clubs are not bound to participate or support any activities they desire.
4. The bylaws can be changed at any Council meeting by a 2/3 vote after a 30-day notification of the proposed changes.
5. The council is nonprofit.
6. The council will not engage in any activities which conflict with member clubs' activities.
7. The council will hear the proposals of the member clubs and vote to offer resolutions and channel resources to help that club fulfill its needs.
8. The council may empower committees to study and make recommendations on resolutions.
9. For major activities, the council may be empowered by the member clubs to administer it. Any profits would be divided among the clubs based on their contributions.

Complete text of the Bylaws is available from any Board Member. Since the Echo Club and the Cyprus Club have voted to join SETARC, and the council has been incorporated, the bylaws cannot be changed before the council meets for the first time. The council will not be involved in any convention activity during 1979. There is a ballot enclosed to vote on TDXS joining SETARC and empowering the President to appoint two representatives. The Board unanimously recommends in favor of joining SETARC.

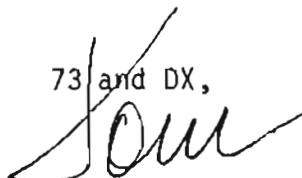
The final item of business of the Board meeting, Sharp appointed a constitutional revision committee to study the outdated facets of the TDXS constitution and recommend any changes to update it. If you have any inputs, contact N5WW, K5TU or K5BZU.

PAY UP, DEADBEATS: Just like Uncle Sam, the TDXS has a cash flow to worry about. Let's get the overdue dues paid, and maybe a little extra for the repeater fund. The SASE enclosed would be a good vehicle to slip your ten bucks (six for students, one for associate members) into.

TOM'S SHORTS: The winter, so far, has been devastating all over the country. Locally, the Dallas crew lost every quad in the January 1 ice storm. K5RC/GA lost the reflector of the 40-meter beam the same day and then three weeks later lost a 110' tower to the 70 MPH winds. K5NA and AA5Y have rotor problems and the wx will not break long enough to do any meaningful outside work. On the positive side, the DX has been plentiful on 10, 15, and 20. YI1BGD has been on regularly in the mornings (longpath) with JY3ZH running the show. A7XAH has been checking into the N5AN group many mornings at 1330, 14220, along with an A6 and some 9K2's. 3Y1VC has been worked by a lot of the gang in the last week, nightly, starting around 0000 and quitting at 0130, sharp. He starts on his own frequency, 14030, and then moves up to 1 to 1½ KHz every QSO and has been worked a high as 14070. He sends with a straight key and has a very distinct procedure. The final 1978 report from the DXAC is out. There wasn't much earthshaking in it; however, a few things are worthy of note. The committee voted again in favor of Desecheo, but it probably will not count until all the fighting is over. There was a vote in favor of eliminating the "distinctive separate administration" clause from the rules to prevent any more Kingman or Sable-type countries. They also voted to add a disclaimer for Neutral zones, embassies and consulates so that they would not be countries. None of this would be retroactive, and remember, these are only suggestions to the Board. They are also looking into ethics. With the outrageous nonsense that has been going on on 20 lately, I wish them well.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS: If you need a SB200, K5NU has one for sale. Contact Mike at 512-643-2619. Speaking of selling, WB5USV has quite a list of goodies advertised in the WGDG Bulletin. Not giving it up, are you Mike? N5ZR and WA5TMN are about settled into their new jobs at the NASA Space Center. KA5CHW put in a respectable showing from K5NA in the CQ 160 test. W5WMU finally has some towers back up, and will put some aluminum on top when the wx breaks. K5NA is offering a steak dinner bounty to the first one to notify him that the Maldive Expedition is active. Of course, Richard has to work him as a result of that call, or the deal is void.

Turn the page for the latest on the great DX Competition.

73 and DX,

Tom, K5RC

THE GREAT TDXS CONTEST is still going strong. The latest unofficial results from K5NA are as follows:

<u>CALL</u>	<u>MIXED</u>	<u>CW</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>AS OF</u>
K5NA	187/4	129/1	153/4	1/31
K5NU	179/16	128/11	102/6	1/23
K5MA	177/14	143/4	130/10	1/29
K5FP	126/6	120/2	7/4	1/31
K5BZU	125/1	--	--	1/31
W5DOZ	108/5	61/0	73/5	1/31
K5YCP	107/8	3/0	105/8	1/31
W5HNS	100/5	19/0	96/5	1/29
N5WW	94/4	--	00	1/31
K5WA	83/12	41/3	62/9	1/28
K5ZD	70/11	60/10	30/3	1/20
W5JWM	64/0	0/0	64/0	1/31
N5DU	48/2	45/2	10/1	12/1
K5TU	38/1	18/0	26/1	12/1
K5LZO	23/0	--	--	1/10
K5RC	21/2	--	--	1/31
N5RO	17/0	16/0	2/0	1/31
N5AF	10/1	1/1	10/1	1/28
K5GN	6/2	4/2	4/0	12/1
K5GA	3/1	3/1	2/1	1/31

As you can see, the competition is fierce and growing daily. Don't let those big numbers scare you off. At the final gun, it will be the QSL's in hand that will determine the winners.

Feb. 2, 1979

Dear Fellow Members,

We have quite a bit to vote upon this time. Six prospective new members, SETARC, and a Field Day poll (already)... I will accept ballots at the club meeting on the 9th. If you haven't paid dues, please take advantage of the SASE. Enclose your ballots inside the plain envelope provided and the poll outside and drop the works into the mail ASAP. Now for the prospective members.

1. Richard Neal, WB5LVL. Richard has been with us on a number of Field Days as our primary Novice station operator and doing a bang up job. He has placed among the top stations in the Novice Roundup and is a DX chaser. Richard is also the son of club member Sammy, N5AF.
2. Bill Wibker, WD5CBA. Bill has been a very regular attender to our meetings for quite a while now. Likes to chase DX (189/145) and has an interest in Microcomputers.
3. Bob Sorace, WD5CHY. Bob has also been attending meetings for quite some time now and is active with information on the DX repeater. Bob likes the WWDX and DX chasing with computers and fishing as other interests.
4. Ron Amox, K5EJO. Ron comes to us from the Delta DX Society in New Orleans. He has an Extra ticket, chases DX to increase the SBDXCC totals, has 225/242 countries, hunts, fishes, builds equipment, but didn't say what he does in his spare time. Ron has attended a number of meetings.
5. Bob Burns, W5SJS. Bob has attended quite a few of our meetings with George, K5KG. As a matter of fact, George and Bob have collaberated and built a fine contesting and DX station at Bob's QTH. Bob does some DXing, Contesting, and if I recall correctly goes on an occasional DXpedition. Bob lists camping, hunting, diving, golf and shooting as other activities.
6. Orville Burg, K5VWW. If you've been even casually active on the DX repeater, you've probably heard Orville giving out hot DX info. Orville, once an extremely active VHFer, has dropped to HF and taken up DXing. Since June of 1978 Orville has accumulated 191/110 countries. Not too bad. (wish I had that many). Orville enjoys computers, photography, and electronics of any nature.

The Annual TDXS DX Competition

Dates: The Competition will start each year at the beginning of the CQWW phone contest and end at 2359 prior to the next CQWW phone.

Categories: There are three categories of competition: CW, phone and mixed. All club members may enter all three. To participate, a member must be a full member by June 1 of the contest year.

Contacts: 2 way CW, 2 way phone or cross mode. All contacts must be confirmed (QSL in hand) to count. Cross mode contacts will count only for the mixed category. All QSO's must be made by a club member using his own call. QSO's made from any multi-op location while a multi-operation is in progress will not count. For the purposes of this competition, the use of the 2 meter repeater does not constitute a multi-op. Out of the four major contest weekends (ARRL phone, ARRL CW, CQ phone and CQ CW), you may submit QSL's from only two of these four contest weekends. Any other contest QSL's will count. Current ARRL DXCC countries lists (OP AID 7) will be used.

Reporting: TDXS DX reporting forms or copies must be used. Final completed forms must be submitted no later than the November TDXS business meeting, or mailed to the club secretary. If mailed, entry must be post-marked no later than the date of the meeting and received within seven days of the meeting. QSL's must be made available to the DX Competition Committee upon request to be eligible for an award.

The Bull Sheet will publish periodically an on-going "standings chart" and the standings will be announced at the TDXS meetings.

Awards: The awards will be presented at the December TDXS banquet. These awards and this competition will be administered by the TDXS DX Competition Committee. All decisions made by this committee are final.

DX Repeater: It is not the intent that this competition should take away from the DX repeater activity. All competitors are expected to continue sharing DX information on the repeater.