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MEETING NOTICE

SPEAKING OF MEETINGS. We hate to keep bringing this up, but we've got a real problem with meeting locations. There's been some comment about deviating from the plan approved last year to move the meetings around, but the meeting attendance has been excellent and we've outgrown virtually every restaurant-type establishment we have been using. This month's location probably isn't the answer, either, but please be advised, we are still trying and open to any and all suggestions.

THE ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTION left a lot to be desired, but the 18 TDXSers that were there seemed to have a good time enjoying the hospitality of the Delta DX Association and lots of good Cajun cooking. Attendance was down, the program was marginal, but the hospitality suite was great. A big "THANKS" and a "well done" goes out to the DDXA for making us feel welcome.

THE WEST GULF DIVISION CONVENTION is just around the corner, coming up the first weekend in October. We've been working our tails off to make it a big success and, as you may have guessed, it will be heavily oriented toward DX and contest activity. As of press time, we've lined up N200 to present the Spratley and Brunei trip, XE1FX to show the XF4 expedition, K5YY with a DXAC report and a show of his African Expedition, W5MYA with a CAC report, K5RC with a CQWW contest report and Lloyd and Iris with their travelogue. The Banquet speaker will be Dave Bell, W6AQ, with his fascinating story of producing the latest ARRL movie and his visit with JY1. K5WA is building a slide show of "TDXS Members Around the World" If you have any slides you would like included, please let Rich know. K5EJO is putting together the QSL display, again. Ron needs your cards (and your own club card) to represent the entire membership in the display, so dig out your goodies and get them to Ron.

THE GREAT FLOOD OF '79 dumped up to 27 inches of rain on Southeast Harris, Brazoria and Galveston Counties in 24 hours. Once again Ham radio came to be the main line of communication for the flood victims. K5RC ran the 34/94 net, helping to pass over 400 messages in 19 hours of operating, after being evacuated. Suffering the most damage in the Club, K5NA continued to provide communication from Alvin, operating from his home flooded with water. AA5Y was the communications coordinator for the Friendswood area. After the rains, the TDXSers were out in mass to help K5NA and K5RC with the cleanup chores. Editorial note: Thanks, guys. It's times like this I'm proud to be a Ham and glad to be a member of TDXS.

THE JUNE DXAC REPORT IS OUT with some interesting highlights. The ~~recent~~ rule change deleting "distinctively separate administration" criteria will not be retroactive. (This does away with Water Island for good). Peter Island passed the DXAC but was turned down by the Awards committee of ARRL. St. Barthelemy, Ashmore & Carter Islands also failed, but the proposal to delete VS9K also failed to pass. BV will also be retained as a country, but Cheradi Islands also failed to make it as new one. There were also a lot of committee reports, including recommendations to add members to DXAC from other countries, and studies of lists, all unresolved at this time. Recommendations to save money by reducing DXCC listings in QST were turned down at the July Board meeting, and the DXCC lists will stay as they are.

THE WEST COAST DX BULLETIN has faded into history. Cas faithfully published the bulletin for 11 years and finally succumbed to the pressures of that ~~xxxxxxx~~ tremendous labor of love and retired. The mailing list has been acquired by K5AAD, who will publish the bulletin, with K1TN (remember Jim Cain?) as editor and K5RC as consultant. The thing will be called "The DX Bulletin" and will have its first issue on the streets in a few weeks. It will be 4 pages, professionally typeset and printed, and everyone on the old mailing list will receive the first few issues and the new subscription rates.

TDXS ON THE MOVE. K5KG(J3ABP) and W5SJS(J3ABQ) kept Grenada on the air last month, giving out over 7400 QSO's, making a lot of stations very happy with their fine operating style. Their totals, as follows are 160 thru 6, SSB/CW.

ABP 1/2	7/69	48/359	1067/1231	367/1085	444/209	43/0	1977/2955
ABQ 0/0	0/131	2/173	213/101	734/196	854/39	24/0	1846/640
TCT 1/2	7/200	8/532	1280/1332	1101/1281	1298/248	67/0	3823/3595

In true TDXS tradition, note the high percentage of CW QSO's. Well done, guys.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS. We thought former member K6SB/W5RTQ was moving back to Houston, but the heat must have gotten to him, and he's apparently moved back to Palmdale. I-504 says hello and is singing the Kansas blues again this summer, soon to return to Aggieham. Our tea-sip is spending the summer in Austin, K522 is babysitting a computer before the fall hassle. Last, but not least, K5JJ, representing Cougar High, isn't doing much at all between semesters. Our "forever putting up the second tower" members, K5WA and K5RF are still trying to do it before the contest season arrives. Fred took a little detour by putting in a pool, first. WD5CHY is experimenting with various configurations of 10 meter yagis, while W5WMU is just about back in business with big towers and yagis, this time. Have you heard WA5UHT/Motorcycle mobile yet?? He's got less wind noise than K5ZR.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION received the required number of votes and is now in effect. The minutes of the July 5 Board meeting are printed here, because they are significant and should be read and understood by the membership. The new constitution is the largest step the TDYS has taken since its inception and paves the way for more membership participation and a more flexible form of government. The duties of the various chairpersons are not clearly defined yet, and there are probably some amendments that will be needed to make it run smoother, so don't be shy about voicing your opinions and proposing amendments. The Revision Committee did a great job and deserves a vote of thanks.

TOMS SHIRTS Workers are needed for the WG Convention. If you have the time and the desire, let one of us know and we won't let the word out that you volunteered. The Little Rock and Dallas boys are talking about a once-a-year DX meeting to move around between Little Rock, Dallas, New Orleans and Houston. If you have some it will be an agenda item at the TDXS hospitality suite at the convention. One more convention note, Beena and the Gaylarks could use any help the members KYL's might care to give for the ladies activities.

FIELD DAY Once again the TDXS Field Day was a smashing success. Air conditioned motor homes helped the QSO rate, as did the return of a fine novice station. Outgoing FD Chairman, K5NA and all his elves, deserve a great deal of credit. With a final score of 11,850, the QSO totals break down like this.

	<u>80</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>VHF</u>	<u>NOVICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
CW	30	493	835	361	0	0	320	2040
SSB	117	91	1027	202	175	8	0	1620

The 20 meter scores are new records for the Club. New one hour records were established by K5WA(15CW-71), K5TU(20CW-67) N5JJ(40CW-63), K5NA(80SSB-57), K5NA(80CW-31). Congrats on another FB TDXS Field Day.

73 and DX

Tom, K5RC

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
TEXAS DX SOCIETY, INC
July 5, 1979

1. The constitution proposed in the June mailing, having been duly voted on and passed by mail vote, was interpreted by AA5Y as being in effect and the "Old" constitution now null and void. The Board agreed unanimously that the order of procedure would be to: 1) Fill the vacancies in the elected officers and then; 2) have the Executive Committee appoint the Board vacancies, pursuant to Article III, Section 3.
2. On a motion by K5MA, seconded by AA5Y, the Board unanimously voted to accept the resignation of K5JS as Secretary/Treasurer of the TDXS and to name K5JS as Club Secretary for 1979.
3. On a motion by K5MA, seconded by AA5Y, the Board unanimously voted in favor of K5NA as Club Treasurer for 1979.
4. On a motion by AA5Y, seconded by K5BZU, the Board unanimously voted that the Board interpret the Constitution to prohibit an individual from holding more than one Board position at any one time.
5. The Board unanimously accepted the resignation of K5NA as Field Day Chairman.
6. The Executive Committee recognized that the position of Contest Chairman was the only defined Board position carried over from the old Constitution.
7. On a motion by K5NA, seconded by K5MA, The Executive Committee unanimously voted in favor of AA5Y as Legal Chairman of TDXS.
8. On a motion by K5NA, seconded by K5MA, The Executive Committee unanimously voted in favor of K5TU as Repeater Chairman of TDXS.
9. On a motion by K5NA, seconded by K5MA, The Executive Committee unanimously voted in favor of K5RC as Communications Chairman of TDXS.
10. The Board unanimously accepted the resignation of K5BZU as Contest Chairman.
11. On a motion by K5DX, seconded by K5NA, The Executive Committee unanimously voted in favor of K5BZU as DX Chairman.
12. On a motion by K5NA, seconded by K5MA, The Executive Committee unanimously voted in favor of K5WW as Field Day Chairman.
13. On a motion by K5DX, seconded by K5NA, The Executive Committee unanimously voted in favor of K5WA as Contest Chairman.

14. The Board unanimously agreed that the present dues structure would remain in effect through 1979 and that student memberships would no longer be available after January, 1980.

15. The Board unanimously agreed that the membership meeting attendance requirements of Article XI will not take affect until January, 1980 and will govern membership status for the year starting January, 1981. The Board furthur agreed that all present full members will retain that status, unless otherwise requested or by non-payment of dues, until January, 1981 when the attendance requirements of Article XI take affect. Also, the Board agreed that present student members were hereinafter full members.

16. The Board unanimously agreed that prospective members that were presently in the nomination process would not have to reapply for membership under the provisions of Article XII, but would complete the mebership process from their current position in the previous application process.

17. The Board unanimously voted to accept the donation by WB5IGX of a Century 21 Transceiver to the TDXS to be used to obtain funds for repeater equipment. K5DX appointed AA5Y and K5BZU to organize and operate a raffle to culminate at the 1979 West Gulf Division convention with proceeds to go to a repeater fund.

18. The Board unanimously approved the movement of the 96/36 repeater from the Pasadena Bank to the Transco Tower. K5DX will formally notify the Pasadena Civil Defense of the movement and the termination of formal association between them and TDXS.

19. The Board agreed that the TDXS meetings should be held in one location, somewhere on the "Loop" system, with provisions for dinner meetings. K5NA will persue the search for a suitable location.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Taormina, K5RC

ATTENDEES: K5NA, K5MA, K5DX, K5BZU, AA5Y, K5RC.
VISITORS: K5WA, W5DOZ.