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MEETING NOTICE: The next official monthly meeting of TDXS will be on Friday, April 13 (omigosh) at the Brisket House, 1217 Pierce, downtown Houston, at 1900 Local, 0100 GMT (the next day).

THE ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTION will be held in Baton Rouge this July 20-22. If you have never been to a National, this is your big chance. The convention is being held in a civic center in the downtown area, and there is no single hotel that will be advertised as a gathering spot. The TDXS has gotten together with our friends at the Delta DX Association and selected the Sheraton-Baton Rouge as the official DX and Contesters' hotel. Since there is no large block of rooms set aside, we suggest that all TDXSers that plan to attend use the enclosed copy of the announcement to get your reservations at the Sheraton before the general mailing is made later this month and room space becomes limited. There will be announcements later about planned DX/Contest activities and hospitality suites, but you can bet it's going to be a fun weekend. Don't procrastinate, register now! We are planning a motorcade leaving Houston on Friday morning. Anyone wanting a ride or who will share a ride, please let us know at the next few meetings.

THE ARRL WEST GULF DIVISION CONVENTION will be held in Houston this October 5-7 at the Royal Coach Inn, Southwest Freeway at Sharpstown. The convention is being run by Houston Ham Conventions, Inc., a nonprofit corporation set up to do nothing but run conventions. The HHC was set up so that no one club would have the burden or liability of running a major convention, and so that the resources of all the clubs could be tapped to make a more all-around, interesting convention. Half of the Board of HHC is TDXS members (K5MA, K5RC, K5KG, AD5W and KA5CHW), so we are well represented. Enclosed with this mailing is a ballot to authorize TDXS to donate \$50 to the convention for seed money. So far, Gaylarks, Alvin, SEA, Brazosport, QCWA, Echo, PRRL, and JSC-ARC, have voted to support the convention. We expect it to be a profitable and fun event. The convention is officially called the 1979 ARRL West Gulf Division Convention, but a free registration is being offered to the Amateur that comes up with a catchy name or acronym for the event (like Houston Hamcom 79). Get your ideas to K5MA by April 30 to be eligible.

The convention is also in need of help in almost every area. If you feel like you have the time to become involved or have a topic to present or have an idea for a club-sponsored event, contact one of the board members, ASAP.

MORE CONVENTIONS: If you're not conventioned out yet, the great Fresno DX bash is coming up April 7 and the Dayton Hamvention is April 27-29. Have fun!

SOUTH OF THE BORDER is where the K5RC crew went after the big January winds took care of the antenna farm for the spring. K5RC, K5LZO, K5WA, K5ZD, and W5BZN had quite an adventure for the ARRL CW contest. Until the last minute, the location was uncertain and the morning before we left, N5JJ's license (XE2IO) was cancelled, but that didn't dampen our spirits. We headed out for Nuevo Laredo in hopes that the Radio Club would meet us and help us find a location. That they did, as they met us in force and gave us a choice of locations and all the help and friendship you could ever want. We operated from a ranch owned by XE2FU that was 4 miles off the paved road, on a hill overlooking everything. The location was superb. There was no noise and radio conditions were excellent. We made 4900 QSO's during the contest and nearly 1300 before and after. Chuck made 36 QSO's on 6 (including some LU's and a CE) and 59 on 2M SSB.

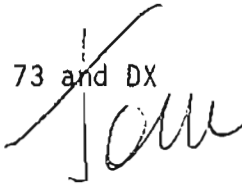
Come to the April meeting for all the gory details and a slide show of the trip. We are planning to do it again next year for ARRL phone as a club project, multi-multi. The Radio Club has invited us back, so mark your calendars for next March.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS AMATEUR RADIO COUNCIL (SETARC) had its first official meeting last month with representatives from TDXS, Echo and Cypress in attendance to hear the charter from the original incorporators. As soon as the clubs have executed the necessary forms, the three clubs can get started with the business of soliciting the other radio clubs in the area and making the Council a viable organization. The TDXS representatives, N5WW and K5WS, need your support to bring ideas to the council of concern to all Hams in the area.

MEMBER NEWS: We have quite a crew to welcome aboard as the newest TDXS members. They are: Rickey, WB5LVL; Bill, WD5CBA; Bob, WD5CHY; Ron, K5EJO, Bob, W5SJS, and Orville, K5VWW. Welcome aboard, guys! K5NU is looking for help with some old contacts (1968) still trying for QSL's from SVØWN and 5R8AD. Any help out there? It's about time to publish some news from members we seldom hear from. How about a note from W5UN, WB5MYO, K5SOR, WA5YEL, K5DEG, N5DM, WB5GJD, W5NA, WB5HOD, and W5RRX so we can tell the club what you guys are up to.

TOMS SHORTS: The repeater committee has checked out a new location on the west side of Houston, up about 320' that seems real promising. The building owners presently want bucks for the location but we are negotiating for free privileges. In the meantime, the receiver and transmitter have been overhauled and are working O.K. The latest issues of the FOC bulletin have the complete story of St. Peter and Paul Rocks expedition by PY1RO. It's too long to print here. Contact K5MA if you want to read the whole story. The SS results are out and the medium club competition turned out fairly good, but it's obvious that we weren't really trying. TDXS was #5 with 34 entries (K5GA took CW and K5RC/K5WA took phone) but we were beat by North Texas with only 29 entries. That sounds like a challenge to me, folks. There were no five's in the top ten, either mode. In the division, K5GA

took the cert with K5TM 2 QSO's behind and K5ZD 3 QSO's behind him. On voice, K5JA was first in the Division, followed by K5ZD at K5TM, W5MYA at N5CR and K5WA at K5RC. Our versatile member, KA5CHW, is listed as operator at three different stations! In the ARRL 160, K5NA made a respectable 5th place showing nationally. Speaking of 160, one of our former members, K6SE/W5RTQ, has returned to Houston to fill the ether with 160 waves. The Alamo DX Amigos have set up their DX repeater and it's on 96/36. When the band opens, we can exchange tidbits with them, too. Upcoming DX to watch for: 1S1DX due on momentarily from Spratly, 601FG is on most Fridays, VR6BJ is due on this month. YV0AA and VK2DCA/VK9 Lord Howe are also due on in April, while the wandering Colvins are due to close out at VP1KG and move on.

73 and DX

Tom, K5RC

	Mixed	CW	SSB	Date
• K5NA	218-34	153-15	182-24	4-3-79
• K5NU	215-120	150-62	170-86	3-27-79
- K5MA	189-28	152-11	140-21	3-30-79
- K5WA	152-11	59-3	132-10	4-2-79
- K5FP	126-6	120-2	7-4	1-31-79
- K5BZU	125-1	—	—	1-31-79
- W5DDZ	108-5	61-0	73-5	1-31-79
• K5YCP	107-8	3-0	105-8	1-31-79
• W5HNS	100-5	19-0	96-5	1-29-79
• N5WW	94-4	—	—	1-31-79
- K5ZD	70-11	60-10	30-3	1-20-79
- W5JWM	64-0	0-0	64-0	1-31-79
- K5TU	55-	40-	30-	3-31-79
- N5DU	48-2	45-2	10-1	12-1-78
- K5LZO	23-0	—	—	1-10-79
- K5RC	21-2	—	—	1-31-79
- N5RO	17-0	16-0	2-0	1-31-79
- N5AF	10-1	1-1	10-1	1-28-79
- K5GN	6-2	4-2	4-0	12-1-78
- K5GA	2-1	3-1	2-1	1-31-79
- W5UN	173-	—	—	4-5-79