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MEETING NOTICE: The next meeting of the Texas DX Society (the most durable FD group in the Country) and their friends will be Friday, August 8, at the new Marriot Brookhollow Hotel, Loop 610 North at the T.C. Jester Exit. Introductory drinking is at 1800 in the bar, serious drinking by 1830, gross drinking by 1900 and dinner in the restaurant at 1930. The meeting will be in the River Oaks Room starting at 2030. Bill, WSSG, has prepared a little surprise program for us, so don't miss it (we will not talk about Field Day).

CONVENTION 80, 81, 82, 83: As many of you know, Houston Ham Conventions, Inc, is made up largely of TDXS members so the convention activities get a great deal of press in the Bullsheet. This time, we may have outdone ourselves. As approved at the ARRL Board meeting last weekend, Houston will be the site of the 1983 ARRL National Convention. Leading up to that event, we plan to have the Texas State Convention next year and the West Gulf in 82. As you also know, the TDXS participation is one of the major highlights of the Conventions. Orville is heading up the effort. The all-day DX/Contest forum tentatively includes: K7JA/JR1ZZC, W6KG & W6QL, W5VAH & KB5FU (Kingman), DXAC and CAC reports, K5KG/OHØ, QSL bureau, plus something called "How to plan and operate Field Day, and Win!" by TDXS. On Sunday, Hugh, WA4WME, will put on a 2 hour extravaganza he calls the 17 Greatest DXpeditions of all time. The important part of this is the help from the membership to man the Hospitality Suite and for every member to dig out the QSL's that he's most proud of for our annual QSL display of all the DXCC countries, past and present. It's time to start getting the cards to K5VWW. Don't forget your own Club QSL(s) for the Display.

TOM'S SHORTS: No sooner do I open my big mouth than inflation sticks a foot in it. Just as I announced the price of Club QSL's was the same in the last issue, the printer raised his rates to \$33.50 per thousand. Including tax, it's \$35.18. Still, cheap. K5NA is living up to his employer's name (I Been Moved) and is QSY-ing to W2 land for 3 months. Richard has offered a challenge of a free meal at a Club meeting to the first Club member that has a complete QSO with him as K5NA/2. There will be no skeds! Those of you upgrading, as of 6/30 the FCC was up to KJ5A, KB5ZH, N5CFI, KA5JFT. TDXS has a new Honor Roller, Lee, W5DOZ, congrats.

THE SURVEY: The remainder of this month's Bullsheet is devoted to the complete results of the 1980 members' opinion survey taken in March. We report the whole thing without editing or comment.

73 and DX,

Tom, K5RC

TEAM DX SOCIETY, INC

MARCH 1980 QUESTIONNAIRE SUMMARY

1.A. DOES THE PRESENT CLUB ORGANIZATION and OPERATING POLICIES FULFILL THE CLUB'S PRIMARY OBJECTIVES? YES 18 NO 6we have moved somewhat away from DX'ing and contesting...fairly well...entry should be easier.

1.B. Does the club lean too heavily DX or Contest? YES 5 NO 20. ...not enough on either...not enough on anything...perhaps not enough emphasis on either...I feel there should be planned program activity/presentation on a DX/Contest topic at each meeting. Minimize the business discussions and move onto topics of interest, outside speakers, technical topics, operating techniques, station configuration, antennas, etc.

1.C.If your answer to 1B was yes, which activity? DX 1 CONTEST 4 . The club is attracting more members who are interested in DX mostly, and therefore the club slips in that direction...contesting-forcing members to operate by intimidation... dx-observe the continuing decline of the TDXS club scores in the major contests over the past few years. It seems that only a few of the officers even care about serious contesting...contesting-unless things have changed in the last 6 months, it seems the most emphasis is on contesting at meetings, etc. The only exception is the repeater which splits 50/50.

1.D. Which activity interest you more? DX 10 CONTEST 8 EQUAL 7

2. Indicate your feelings about how much time is devoted to each topic

	too much	correct	not enough
Field Day	1	23	1
DX	0	11	12
Contest	4	12	9
Repeater	8	17	0

Other: too much Taco, hamvention, officer reports, etc. not enough programs. not enough DX/Contest advise to ARRL/CQ. We should present TDXS vies officially on important issues. too much convention. TDXS has mild interest-who needs a convention update? A great big too much repeater. too much contestdue to current chairman.

3.A. Do you enjoy Bullsheet? YES 25 NO 0

3.B. monthly 24 or every other month 1 .

3.C. prefer...see more 18 or less 0 (some indicated "as is" - 3)

3.D. If more...what subjects?

DX techniques column...increase in DX news, QSL info, more want ads...want ads, club DX competition results, QSL Need column for, say, over 2 years +...members activities ...upcoming DXpeditions...DXCC standings of club members...on contesting...I just like the K5RC distinguished, elegant, and concise prose...contest results of members ...DXpedition info, publicize club net...more DX info...I would like to see the club issue QSL manager info perhaps duplicate one of the comprehensive QSL ngr publications in the Bullsheet. Orvilles DX news fills a Big Gap. Some info on contest should be mentioned-upcoming contests-contest operating, more news on club members, new antennas, new equipment. Contest winners...More antenna/technical info, calendar of events, for a contest/DX club very little is mentioned about contests.

4. Are you satisfied with the present meeting place?

Eating	YES 12	NO 11
Meeting	YES 10	NO 13

(WE HAVE SINCE MOVED)

5.A. Do you think FD is in keeping with the intent of the club? YES 23 NO 2

5.B. Do you generally participate? YES 17 NO 5

5.C. Comments; when you're consistently the best in the nation, what can you say! ...FD is our best club event-lets stay on top...our FD effort is key to a strong club organization and should always be stressed as an important activity...Fd is a large part of any radio club I have ever been in. I can see no reason why a partial contest should not go all out either competitively or for fun...I think the operation is too big and definitely not in the spirit of FD. Too much hardware and most of the work is being done by just a few...great! Don't change it. Our past performance shows we know how to do it very well...better 8mm midnight movies...I can't get too interested in FD since you can't work DX and I am usually on vacation that time of year... other contests could get a turn at the attention TDYS give FD...Keep it just as it is except as K5NA suggested last year, assign choices of operating times in the order of the individuals arrival at the site rather than by lot...FD is the best part of the year for me; win or lose, it is one event which brings the group together...let's keep it competitive but still have fun...I do not like the trend in recent FD's of certain films and related activities which occurred. We have youngsters and women, wives, girl friends present and we should have more respect shown them. I feel that this is the start an erosion of our generally good core. I feel that if certain individuals have to fill this type of appetite, they can go rent a motel room and get it out of their systems. although we all have our moral standards, speaking for myself, if the club continues in that direction, I will find someplace to spend FD.

6.A. Topic of separate club for contests. Are you opposed to this group forming? Yes 10 No 12. TDYS CC - Hell no...seems to be an ulterior, selfish motive on the part of those involved. Let them win single op or multi-op to get their jollies. The TDYS is a fraternal organization and I want it to remain so...I agree we should submit composite scores, however I see no reason to form a separate group. Simply let it be a subset of TDYS. There is no reason to think all members should participate in each and every contest...for those who do not eat and sleep and think contests, it takes some of the competitive weight off us...those who would not submit to TDYS CC probably have scores which are too low to help anyway. All the TDYS CC would want/need are the big scores and serious contesters who want to work for a respectable showing most of the TDYS just doesn't care to put in the required effort...simply must talk up contest more...I am unalterably opposed to formation of any such group. I feel it will do severe damage to TDYS. TACO failed several years ago for the same reasons. I will oppose any individual who tries to tear apart TDYS. If a group of contesters do manage to break away, I will volunteer to be TDYS contest chairman and guarantee TDYS will submit higher club scores than they can...TACO?...history will repeat itself...the club is continually growing in size. Some operate only DX, some only contests and some both. Possibly our club success in the future will be as a collection of special interest groups...I am certainly not a true-blue contester and would rather not answer this one, but I would sure hate to see TDYS split...I think that forming such a group could be beneficial to TDYS overall. Why the separate name? I do not think it would split the club. But why should a avid contester want to attend a club meeting which is DX oriented? Put it on a trial basis...another TACO...TDYS can well do without anyone who is so sensitive as to be split off by such a move. None will be hurt by such a move. Those who choose to submit under TDYS will only continue to support an effort that will win very infrequently. I would not oppose to this group forming if a consensus of the membership felt it would not split the club; I feel the club has moved away from DX'ing and Contesting in recent years and unless a major change in attitude came over the group, we could not consider ourselves as competitive as a whole for aggregate scores...Believe if a contest club is needed it should be separate from TDYS...it would eventually split the club.

6.B. Topic regarding TDYS as a more active DX factor.

DXpeditions a good idea. How to finance would be a problem but possibly renting films, speakers bureau, etc., would help...I seem to remember a money making scheme - "film making"...I believe this to be beyond the scope and ability of our group; we are having trouble financing a repeater now as it is...QSL manager good idea...most of us are concerned daily with additional income for personal needs. I, for one, don't need additional concerns of this nature generated by my hobby. On the other hand, helping one or two DX stations a year with cards or as a manager might not impose that great of a financial obligation on the club...It's very easy to start pumping money into DX activities overseas. A lot of those guys always have their hands out. I would prefer not to do that. However, a club certificate for a DX station that had worked a certain number of club members might be nice...I hate to think of coming up with more money for anything even though I like TDYS being an active supporter of DX activities. I volunteer to help with the QSL mgr chores like the Delta DX Society does...the idea of QSL mgr is good...Yes, would be nice if we had the money...lets wait until we are no longer have to fall back on deficit spending...yes, yes, yes and promote new DX'ers... I would really enjoy being QSL manager for a very active DX station...QSL manager good idea if anybody had the time. Maybe act as QSL mgr for a major expedition. Financial resources of TDYS are limited and our repeater taxes these resources greatly. Don't see being a major financial source for DXpeditions...why don't we start a list of operations? Then everybody would stand in line to talk to the TDYS net control. We could get exotic DX stations in Amarillo and Lubbock on the air...ideas are good. Why not let those who want to do this defray the costs (or at least part of it) and if its an expensive, have the club vote on it and make an assessment...I don't think the club could handle the financial load of an expedition by members or others. These are usually done by clubs in which members have 200+ countries...I do feel we fall short as a DX club. It seems to me that the club membership with 300+ countries don't seem to help those with smaller numbers. I don't think we have enough active DX'ers to support someone else... feel we should sponsor DXpeditions by members...Qsl mgr is a great way to gain publicity at minimal expense. Don't forget "greenstamps" or "IRC's" that come with the QSL's. They will help offset costs. QSL party on non-meeting friday sounds like fun.

6.C. Topic regarding our monthly meetings.

business is bogging down meetings. Too much time in reports. I suggest concise written reports be submitted to V.P. for presentation. All other topics should fall under new/old business. Announcements should be entered (in writing) to club sec'y for presentation. Too many people like to hear themselves talk...Am in favor of formal programs, new equipment outside speakers, antennas(design/construction) technical, i.e. solid state...prefer things the way they are...I would like short, formal programs. How about getting our new director to visit a meeting? Or the DXAC rep? I realize how difficult it is to get a program or speaker...we need more order in the meeting--more control. Too many private bull sessions during the meeting. I feel the meetings are very interesting and that people should take an interest and listen. People can talk before and after the meeting like it pretty much as it is...programs of reasonable duration...the formal presentation or program would be nice change. However we do not need a formal program each meeting just for the sake of having a formal program. I should be a skillfully presented program and of interest to at least a significant portion of the club--and not necessarily the majority of the club. Some of the business now done at the meetings might be handled by the Exec committee...every other month a formal program. I like programs as well as talking to friends. I am 100% for non-smoking during meetings--this is one reason I don't come to often. I also like the fact each member doesn't have to introduce himself at each meeting anymore...topics--how to operate a contest, use a dupe sheet, etc. There may be club members who would be good contesters but who do not want to admit they don't know the ropes. If they know--participation may increase...just about anything concerning any part of amateur radio okay...If the formal programs relate to DX or contesting--great! But, having an interesting "formal" program every month seems like a very ambitious objective. Lets try to have one as often as possible but lets not force ourselves to have one every month...keep business portion down