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MEETING NOTICE: The July meeting is a week later than usual, because of the IARU Radiosport Contest, on Friday July 18, at the Marriot Brookhollow, I-610 at US290. Take the TC Jester Exit from 610. The crowd congregates in the lobby, bar and the Quail Valley Room between 6 and 7:30, Dinner (prime-rib buffet) in the Restaurant followed by the meeting at 8:30 in the Quail Valley Room. The program is a talk and movie on VHF/UHF by Joe, WASHNK, the Gulf Coasts' authority on the subject. The remaining regular 1980 meetings will be in the River Oaks Room of the Marriot, August 8, Sept 12, Oct 10, Nov 14. Banquet plans will be announced shortly.

TOM'S SHORTS: The Ten most needed countries of the TDXS members, as of June 1 looks like this (according to K5NA). VS9K, ZA, BY, VU/Laccadive, XU, VKØ-Heard, XZ, 4W1, FR7/J, VU-Andamans. Houstons' foremost DXer, Brad Beard, W5ADZ, underwent cancer surgery last month. The prognosis is excellent, however he needs replacement donations for 12 pints of blood. If you can give, The Hermann Hospital Blood center is available most any time, but an appointment is required on weekends. Call 797-3640. With the heat wave in progress, it's hard to remember the spring storms, but our Southern member, K5NU lost the top of his tower and antennas to a tornado. While we're in the bad news department, two other well known local hams became silent keys last month, Hugh, W5JPE and Pierce, K5YA. The COM-VENTION '80 Plans are coming along quite nicely. Chip Margelli, K7JA/JR1ZZC (W7RM) will be here to tell us about DXing/contesting from JA and KG6. Your Secretary, KA5CHW, while convalescing from a semi-rare disease, was prolific with his typewriter and has penned a number of articles for the Bullsheet. While we dont suggest you spend six weeks in bed, any material for YOUR Club Bulletin will be appreciated.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Steve, WA3OVC; Will, WB5SFS have been voted to membership. The first member to drop out and go through the nomination process again, Don, K5AAD was also voted in. WELCOME ABOARD, GUYS!!

FOR SALE: 5 element 20 meter KLM beam. \$300. Mike Mauldin, K5NU 512-643-2619.

FOR SALE: IO-103 Heath 5" Triggered sweep scope. \$195. MFJ Speach processor. \$30. HD-10 Heath Keyer. \$20. 2el Gemquad less wire. \$80. Henry, W5HNS, 473-0097.

CLUB QSL'S: For you newcomers, the TDXS Club cards are not only functional, but one of the great bargains in the world. \$26.25 for 1000. Contact Al, K5BZU for details. 481-0736.

FOR SALE: Drake T-4XC, AC-4, MS-4, R-4C with 250 and 500 HZ CW filters, noise blanker and SB-220 amplifier. Package only \$1500. Jan Carman, K5MA, 939-4425, 785-0036 nites.

A CONTEST TRAINING GROUND

Many members have told me they do not get into contests to help the TDXS efforts simply because they do not know how or they do not have any experience and do not know where to get it. I attempted to address some of their problems at the May meeting. At the meeting, we discussed the 122 contests that occur each year that aren't in the "Big Time" category. The intent was to show everyone where the "training grounds" are that almost all current prominent contesters used to sharpen their skills and make their mistakes.

I hope everyone wanting the experience has taken advantage of the information by now. Also, I am sure all who participated in our FD effort are better operators today because of the few hours they put in. FD is always is great because our new contests can sit and watch the old timers fill the logs almost as easy as they can swill beer. Then, while the lesson is fresh in their mind, they can sit down in front of a rig and practice what they have learned. FD is an excellent training ground....but don't lose what you have gained! Use what you have learned soon and, believe me, you will glow with satisfaction as you see yourself improve as each log sheet goes on the pile.

Now, I am sure it is no secret that the TDXS will again make a big play at the ARRL Sweepstakes contests in November. Gad - thats five months away and nothing but DX contests to keep in shape on. DX contests are okay but they are not the best type of contest to prep yourself for a big effort in the SS to help us win the Gavel this year in the Medium Class club category.

But, weep not my friends, because their is a good training ground coming soon.... real soon! The 1980 IARU Radiosport takes place July 12-13 this year and with the continuing hot sun spot activity, it promises to be a real dandy. This contest is unique in that you folks can practice both DX and domestic style contesting. Both types of contacts are ok in this test. You can practice your skills at knocking out strings of US contacts (like Sweepstakes) and also work DX to build your skills at cracking pile-ups. This contest also offers an opportunity to work on your DXCC and the TDXS WAZ competition because the DX will be all over the place 10 through 160. This is a "everybody work everybody" game with all sorts of awards for almost all who give it a try. Radiosport rules appear in the May issue of QST.

I encourage you to work the DX but you must discipline yourself to take plenty of time to practice your skills at running contact after contact with those strong US signals answering your CQ RS. TDXS members (4) made 6,626 QSO's last year so I do not think you will have any trouble getting answers. I made over 1600 QSO's on CW using a Tribander so a big station is definitely not required to have a ball. If your CW is weak, I pray you will use this contest to bring up speed before November.

We need your help in November and the Radiosport is a super training ground to get you and your station ready for the challenge. I am certain the experienced contesters will be glad to answer your questions regarding Radiosport and will offer hints to get you going. I promise I will because I want to see your scores published in QST for both of these contests

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FOR SALE: Selling out: TS520 w. remote VFO, SM220 Monitor, Homebrew station control, D-104, Bencher paddle, Vibroplex Bug, Drake MN2000 Matchbox. \$1000. SB220. \$500. Tower, Motorized W51, Ham 3, Classic 36. \$600. Ron Amox, K5EJO. Days: 504-561-4530

FIELD DAY WRAPUP: Considering the marginal conditions, 107 degree heat and the 24 hour setup rule, The TDXS once again did an outstanding job in 3A. We'll have to wait until November to find out how we did nationally, but we can tell you now that three all-time TDXS records fell for band totals, 18 hourly records were beat and four rates were surpassed. The box score goes like this:

| <u>1980(Before dupes)</u> | <u>Previous best</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| SSB - 1765 | SSB - 2134(78) |
| CW - 1517 | CW - 1720(79) |
| Total - 3282 | Total - 3539(78) |
| Novice - 451 | Novice - 355(77) |
| Grand Total - 3733 | Grand Total - 3748(77) |

The stats listed below show the new band-total records, new QSO/hour records and list the individual hourly records that were broken. You can compare the first two to last months Bullsheet to see the records that were broken. As always, the data was compiled by the club statistician, K5NA.

Operators, First & Second

Band/mode best rate per hour

| <u>Band</u> | <u>Call</u> | <u>Rate</u> | <u>Year</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 6 SSB | K5NA | 120 | 77 |
| | WASYEL | 57 | 71 |
| 10SSB | WB5USV | 119 | 78 |
| | KB5AW | 109 | 80 * |
| 10CW | K5NA | 50 | 77 |
| | K5MA | 45 | 76 |
| 15SSB | N5DU | 109 | 80 * |
| | N5DU | 104 | 80 * |
| 15CW | K5WA | 71 | 79 |
| | K5NA | 71 | 80 * |
| 20SSB | K5NA | 126 | 73 |
| | K5LZO | 110 | 78 |
| 20CW | K5TU | 67 | 79 |
| | N5WW | 66 | 72 |
| 40SSB | K5JS | 84 | 75 |
| | N5JJ | 66 | 74 |
| 40CW | N5JJ | 63 | 79 |
| | K5GA | 49 | 75 |
| 75SSB | K5MA | 57 | 79 |
| | WASUHT | 43 | 73 |
| 80CW | K5MA | 31 | 79 |
| | K5GB | 23 | 78 |

HIGHEST TOTAL QSO'S per band/mode

| <u>Band</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>YEAR</u> |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Novice | 451 | 80 * |
| Oscar | 20 | 80 * |
| 6SSB | 305 | 77 |
| 10SSB | 279 | 80 * |
| 10CW | 141 | 77 |
| 15SSB | 508 | 78 |
| 15CW | 597 | 77 |
| 20SSB | 1027 | 79 |
| 20CW | 835 | 79 |
| 40SSB | 438 | 78 |
| 40CW | 515 | 75 |
| 75SSB | 165 | 73 |
| 80CW | 50 | 71 |

NEW HOURLY RECORDS

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|-------------------|--------|------------------|-------|
| 10SSB 2300Z - 47 | WB5MYO | 20SSB 0700Z - 65 | K5L2O |
| 1400 - 109 | KB5AW | 1200 - 76 | K5GB |
| 15SSB 2000Z - 109 | N5DU | 1300 - 88 | K5GB |
| 2100 - 104 | N5DU | 20 CW 0600Z - 37 | K5NU |
| 0000 - 81 | N5WW | 1100 - 38 | K5NA |
| 1300 - 81 | K5VWW | 1200 - 60 | K5NA |
| 15 CW 1400Z - 71 | K5NA | 1500 - 52 | K5GB |
| 1600 - 55 | N5DU | 40SSB 0100Z - 31 | N5AF |
| | | 0300 - 30 | N5AF |
| | | 1100 - 58 | K5DX |

The TDXS Group "B" in Galveston, AA5Y, made 1125 QSO's in 2A, probably consuming more beer per QSO than any other 2A group in the country. With such notables as WB5IGX, AA5Y, WB2RIT, WA5ZMY, WSAVI, W5BZN operating from the Grotto the "soft" group put in a good effort.

Jan

Oh Oh....I see from June's Bullsheet that we have four new members. Lets see now, that means a few changes in the number of votes needed by the TDXS to accomplish anything. Oh well, I hardly ever return any of those self addressed stamped envelopes they send out anyway. Always seem to put it off until its probably too late to send 'em in.

What the heck - I need to get used to this new calculator... Let's see - a quorum for voting at the meetings will now mean 17 members must be present. Hmm - I don't think I've made a meeting yet this year. That new constitution says I need to make four meetings in 1980 or I'll lose my right to vote next year. 'Guess I better starting going again. Besides I kinda miss seeing some of the miserable %#\$&s anyway. Also, from the looks of the Bullsheet, they're having some pretty decent meetings at that new place.

Anyway, back to the calculator... A constitutional change will now take 44 YES votes. Hmm - I never did hear anymore about the Associate Member Amendment K5BZU proposed. 'Guess it died because not enough guys voted or they would have given the results in the Bullsheet. Now that I think about it, I didn't send that S.A.S.E. back to the Secretary either.... I've heard rumors that they usually get only about 50% of the ballots back. That means I'm not so bad - heck - half the other members don't care either. WAIT! Who said I don't care? I do, its just that I forget to mark those ballots....not much of an excuse I suppose.

I kinda hate being lumped in with those guys who don't care. Lets see, what can I do to handle all this a little better in the future. I'll bet if I fill out those things the day I get them instead of sitting them aside they'll get them in time to count.

At least I can then start complaining about things again if I vote. And if I go to the meetings, I can voice my objections and carry on like 'ol LZO and the rest of those clowns! The meetings are always fun with at least one guy taking the opposite side of every issue. I believe I just will start voting and going to meetings again. Then I can talk about the dead weight us responsible members have to carry!

.....as dictated to your Sect'y, KA5CHW

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