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MEETING NOTICE: The next TDXS meeting and chow-down will be Friday, October 10, 1980, at the Marriot Brookhollow, Loop 610 at TC Jester. Hap hour runs from 1800 until dinner in the restaurant at 1900 followed by the meeting. The program will be devoted to the mechanics of operating in the ARRL SWEEPSTANKES with hot tips being dished out by three of our Contest Crazys, K5WA, K5MA, and KA5CHW. This will be a golden opportunity for the Know Nots to quiz the alleged Know It Alls and find out what short cuts these guys use to lift their scores towards the top each year. The Club membership is hot win the gavel this year and this meeting promises to provide the membership with some of the vital tools needed to achieve that goal.

THE BULLSHEET: Your honorable editor, Tom Terrific (known in a previous world as Rotund Tommy) was given a reprieve from his usual chores so that he could direct his full attention to the final preparations leading up to CONVENTION 80. By the time you are reading this, CONVENTION 80 will be history and, I am sure, an over whelming success. The incredibly long hours and pounds of heartache these convention committee members put into this annual event generally go unrewarded except for the satisfaction they get from seeing a job well done. Be different, my friend, thank a committee member for all his trouble to provide you with a wonderful week-end. I guarantee your thanks will be one of a very few he will hear....

NOTICE OF ELECTION: Written nominations for elected Club officers will be accepted by the Secretary, KA5CHW, up to the start of the October meeting. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor at that meeting. The actual election of officers will be by secret ballot at the November meeting. Absentee ballots will be accepted by the Secretary until twenty-four hours prior to the start of the November meeting.

As of press time, no nominations had been received. Now is the time to step forward and put the names in the hat for those fellow members you would like to represent you in the upcoming year. The TDXS is an active and rapid growing club that requires good leadership if our upward direction is to be maintained. Do I hear a nomination?

NORTH AMERICAN SPRINT: Our able bodied mouthed Contest Chairman, K5WA, may have finally pulled together his first really successful contest effort with the membership. Rich took volunteers at the september meeting to form a 10 member team for the September Sprint. The end result certainly does suggest an outstanding show from these fellers. Some 68,000 points (before dupes) were pounded out by the Team which represents one of the highest scores ever submitted by a "real" club verses the "paper" clubs that spring up regularly for this event. Congratulations, Troops, thats showing the non-believers!

NOVEMBER ARRL SWEEPSTANKES: By this time, everyone in the club is aware that we are making a super effort for a gavel winning TDXS aggregate score in this years Sweepstakes. When I took Tom's dusty box of tricks so I could assemble this month's ramblings, I found a letter or two in it from some fat head. Since the general gush was related to SS, I'll include them this month.

This year, as in the passt, we will have intra-club teams for the SS contest week-ends. The Gang of Four, K5WA-K5GN-K5MA-KA5CHW, were chosen as Team Captains. This somewhat less than distinguished group held a draft at the september meeting. A list of the four teams is a part of this rag. All I can say to everyone is, "don't let K5WA's team win!". His ego/mouth are already almost unbearable after two previous first plave finishes with his hand selected group of tough guys. But, from the looks of the teams, it will be a good tight race this year. By the way, disease ridden kisses will not be p art of the awards program this year.

A new awards program is being offered by a group of your fellow members. A copy of the ground rules are attached.

Also attached are the goals the Gang of Four felt each individual member should shoot for. They are of the opinion these scores represent roughly the scoring each person could achieve if the desire to help the club was there. Allowances were made for other known factors. K5WA has also furnished us with a chart to use to find out how many QSO's and multipliers one will need to reach his goals.

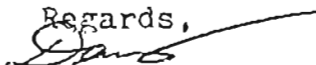
If you think the guys loaded up on you, set your own goals and lay out a "Game Plan" to reach them. Assess your capabilities, equipment and how much time you can give us this year. Write those goals down and have them posted in front of you while you operate the contest. And do nit let up until you have reached those goals! You may not win the section award but you will win sel-satisfaction if the goals are realistic and they are achieved or better yet, surpassed.

This is a proud group, the TDXS. Lets add another feather and a big one at that to our ever growing list of group achievements.

DENNY'S DRIBBLE: Now we have three Bottle Warmers in the group. N5EA now holds the rank (diapers?) already held by K5TU and WB5USV by adding a JR. OP. into the world. See you guys in your next contest - CQWW 1998. Rumors are running wild about the shuffling of operators for this year's SS effort. Things became even more cutthroat after the draft was over and some of the guys ended up on the "wrong" team! A recent sewer dredge brought up the following hot skinny-unofficial, of course. K5GA @ Radio Central-CW; K5ZD @ Radio central-Phone; KA5CHW @ K5IY-both modes to try for a dual mode sweep this year; K5GN @ AA5Y-both modes to try and humiliate K5IY's big-mouth operator; N5DU @ K5LZO-Phone to restore his sanity after a CW week-end at the House of Wires; K5MA @ K5NA or was that.....; WA30VC @ U.ofH.; K5KG in the lumber pile; WB5WHR from a mystery location. Frank, W5JWM, will again try for a Clean Sweep with his beam rusted in place on ZD9. The sleepers lurking in the shadows to smoke all of the above are K5DX-alias Lots-A-Luminum; N5CDO-alias Lots-A-Watts; W5SG-alias Lots-A-Gold. Last minute antenna work has reached a frenzy with a new 2el 40 going up at K5IY; all sorts of 45G/luminum going up at K5WA; secret phased verticals @ K5JS; and an inventory depleting effort @ N5JJ/K5AAD (hope Dad doesn't read this). K5BZU, K5CNN and K5YCP have all threatened to show up on CW if you people do not stop harassing them. W5PTJ wants to know what section to send if he is /MM Clear Lake. K5VWW would like to know which creeper decided UG6 wasn't a section in SS. W5DOZ offers to dupe logs of all the above for the nominal fee of a buck a Q'. N5WW will operate /S back in the sticks behind his house with a paddle/mike in one hand and a 12gauge in the other. WA5UHT promises to keep the store open late to replace the electronic devices cratering in the first few hours on the contest and WD5CHY figures he will still have to take it easy during the contest and he will be glad to tear the face off anyone who don't like it that way. N5ATC cannot get on for SS because he will be up in Conroe bailing N5WW out saturday morning. On the serious side, Will-WB5SFS needs a "home" for Phone week-end. He says, "You furnish the antennas and I'll furnish rig, amplifier and one each super op."

1980 TDXS SWEEPSTAKES TEAMS:

K5GN's	K5WA's	K5MA's	KA5CHW's
GROTESQUE NARCISSISM	WASHROOM ARISTOCRATS	MUMBLING ABORIGINES	COMATOSE
K5LZO	K5GA	WA30VC	HOPELESS
N5JJ	K5GB	K5ZD	WEIRDOS
N5WW	K5FP	N5EA	K5KG
N5CDO	K5DX	W5SG	N5DU
K5VWW	K5JS	K5BZU	K5TU
W5SJS	K5NU	KA5F	WB5WHR
WA5UHT	W5JWM	WB5PBA	N5ATC
K5AAD	K5RC	W5HNS	W5DOZ
WD5CHY	WB5LVL	W5PTJ	K5PFE
WB5MYO	K5CNN	W5URN	N5RF
AA5Y	WB5USV	K5YCP	K5IY
K5TP	N5RO	WD5GXI	WB5SFS
WD5CZF	WA5TMN	W5VUM	N5AF
			WB5IGX
			W5RRX

Regards,

 KA5CHW

P.S. I promise I will let Holly type if I ever have to do this again.

The ARRL Sweepstakes Participation Awards program is offered by a concerned group of Texas DX Society members desiring to stimulate club membership interest in contesting due to their belief that contest operating is fun and it develops an amateur radio operator's abilities and readiness to more efficiently serve the public in time of need. The ARRL Sweepstakes provides an excellent opportunity for one to evaluate his station's capability to communicate within the boundaries of the United States, therefore, we have selected this contest for our awards program. This contest also is a main focal point of TDXS activity and the concerned group of members sincerely hope this program will stimulate the membership to operate and send their logs into the ARRL to help the TDXS maintain its standing as a DX and Contest club. These awards are funded and administrated by a private group of members and coordinated by KA5CHW, the program founder.

ELIGIBILITY: This awards program is open to all Texas DX Society members.

OBJECT: To recognize members for achieving various levels of operating skills.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY: Each entrant must be a TDXS member who has operated in one or both of the contest periods (CW/PHONE) and submitted his logs to the ARRL with proper indication that the scores are to count towards the TDXS aggregate score. The scores must be counted as such by the ARRL and published in the official results. Each entrant also agrees to be bound to the decisions of the Awards Committee for this program.

BASIS FOR DETERMINING AWARD WINNERS: The ARRL official results will be used to determine the total number of QSO's made by each TDXS member during the contest periods. Each member will have one QSO total for award determination that will be equal to the sum of the number of QSO's that member made during the Phone and CW contest weekends. QSO totals of multiple-operator scores will be divided evenly amongst the operators for single-operator award determination.

ENTRY CLASSIFICATION: Entries will be classified as single- or multiple-operator. Operators taking part in multiple-operator efforts will still be eligible for single-operator awards.

MISC. RULES: Multiple-operator efforts must count towards the TDXS aggregate score for the operators to claim participation in the Awards program.

AWARDS: The various awards making up this program are described below.

PLAQUE

CHAMPION MEMBER - A plaque will be presented to the member making the highest total number of QSO's during the two contest periods.

METALS & CERTIFICATES

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER - Requires a minimum total during the two contest periods of 1,900 QSO's. Awards will be presented to all members achieving this number of QSO's.

OUTSTANDING MEMBER - Requires a minimum number of QSO's that will vary each year and the number will be based on the previous years results. The number is arrived at by, first, taking the total number of CW QSO's made by members and dividing the total by the number of members submitting logs. The same is then done with the PHONE results. These two equations will provide the average number of QSO's made by members on the two modes. Adding these two figures together will provide the minimum number of QSO's necessary to be eligible for an award in this category. Distinguished Member scores not used in this equation. Metals will be presented to the top 10 members in this category. Special recognition will be given to all others.

SUPPORTING MEMBER - Requires a minimum of 500 total QSO's during the two contest periods. Metals will be presented to the top 3 members in this category. Special recognition will be given to all others.

MULTIPLE-OPERATOR AWARDS - Awards will be presented to operators participating in multiple-operator efforts under the following circumstances: CW-highest total QSO's with a minimum of 650 required. PHONE-highest total QSO's with a minimum of 800 required.

OTHER - Individual awards such as EXCEPTIONAL EFFORT, MOST IMPROVED OPERATOR and NEW-COMER AWARD will be presented as individual efforts warrent during a given contest.

PRESENTATION: With the permission of the TDXS, the awards will be presented at a regular meeting prior to the next scheduled ARRL Sweepstakes.

Dear Editor:

The ARRL SWEEPSTAKES are upon us again and already my heart beat rate has started to speed up. I am sure many others have similar feelings. I am particularly excited this year because I think the club may be in a very good position to move up in the Medium Class club standing. We have fatten our ranks in the last year with some good contester talent but I personally feel we could really move up to the top without them so their presense adds insurance.

I have spent some time going through last years SS results and found a few tid-bits that may encourage our members to give a little heavier effort this year. The first thing I discovered that may be of interest to the membership is how closely they missed out on the Gavel last year. We were 5th in the nation in this class last year and this was done with 34 scores submitted. Lets call each an effort. Below one will see how many more QSO's each "effort" would have had to make to move us up the line:

4th Place - 35 QSO's
3rd Place - 65 QSO's
2nd Place - 165 QSO's
1st Place - 230 QSO's

Of course, each new entry by a club member just reduce the load for the others by that much. The task to the top is nowhere near as bad as I thought it would be. The membership simply cannot miss the fact that the top is within reach by the best damn bunch of operators in the USA - the TDXS!

I believe contesting is a very personal thing in that each individual participates for different reasons. It is probably true to say that most people contest for the self satisfaction they receive from improving their ability each time they face the challenge. Take SS for example. I do not require a first place finish from myself each year, but I do require improvement to get that feeling of satisfacton. Before each contest, I look at my last years results, look at the station and antennas I am going to use this year and then pick a goal that has an improvement factor in it. If I reach or exceed that goal-I win! If my improvement helps the TDXS, all the better.

One of the goals I always shoot for, is to lift my standing in the USA. By that, I mean I like to determine if I am in the top 10%, top 20%, top 40% etc. contester group. Listed below is a table for the members to use to determine where they stand. I hope it will give them motivation to move up to a more elite group this year. The table is based on '79 SS results with the percentage indicating how many of the total number of entries reached that particular number of QSO's on either CW or Phone. As an example, if one made 300 QSO's, he would have done what 62% of those who entered while if one made 900 QSO's, he would be in an elite group that includes only 15% of those who entered.

QSO'S	%	QSO'S	%
200	80	700	26
300	62	800	21
400	50	900	15
500	39	1000	11
600	31		

So....there you have it. I hope each reader picks a goal and really goes after it. It would be so frustrating not to get the Gavel when so little effort is required from those who will participate.

DE KA5CHW

Dear Editor:

Over the several months, I have heard talk from some corners in the club that we are declining as a contest club. It may be true that some others are achieving greater percentages of improvements in their aggregate scores but I believe history will show that a lot of these high club score increases will be short lived. We even have one such occurrence on record of our own. In the '76 ARRL Sweepstakes, the TDXS made about 8,950 QSO's. In '77, this group comprised of roughly the same individuals slapped out 16,300 QSO's. But, again it was a flash-in-the-pan effort stimulated by some now forgotten motivation.

When one looks at the annual aggregate score improvement of the TDXS, one will see improvement of some magnitude every year. I studied the results of the SS contest for the years 1975 through 1979. I used the total number of entries received by the ARRL compared to the number of QSO's the TDXS members made to arrive at my results. My results are listed below:

<u>COMPARISON</u>	<u>IMPROVEMENT</u>
75-76	19%
76-77	47%
77-78	10%
78-79	12%

To those who say we are sliding backwards, I say, "Check the facts before engage mouth". I might further add that had some of the membership who submitted their scores with other groups submitted with us, even greater improvements would be registered above. Ironically, some of those who demean the club are the very ones hurting our efforts by not submitting with us. An example of my frustration with the misguided statements I am referring to would be one of the more current cut-downs about our failure to beat the North Texas Turkeys (sorry-I fail to see the signifigance of remembering their real name) in the '79 SS. Well, Troops, take a look at the QST results and you will see at least one member's score that could have put us within 150 QSO's of beating that group but wasn't counted with us. I also see the score of another member that was only about one third of his potential based on past performance. Yet, this member saw fit to try and shame the rest of us when he failed us by not putting the time in to help.

I think it is true to say that the more effort one puts into a given group activity, the more that person is entitled to criticize the result. The opposite is, therefore, true...

Need I say more to those who aren't helping our contest efforts? I believe the old adage "Put up or shut up" is appropriate here.....DE KA5CHW

1980 ARRL SWEEPSTAKES COMPETITION

TEXAS DX SOCIETY - CLUB AGGREGATE SCORE PROJECTION

	<u>CW</u>	<u>PHONE</u>		<u>CW</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
WB5USV	-	-	K5ZD	-	225,000
N5EA	100,000	100,000	N5ATC	25,000	75,000
K5GB	100,000	100,000	K5KG	130,000	200,000
N5GA	130,000	200,000	WB5IGX	-	-
N5RF	25,000	-	K5CNN	-	25,000
K5VWW	75,000	125,000	N5WW	100,000	150,000
N5JJ	130,000	200,000	W5RRX	-	-
K5AAD	25,000	50,000	WD5GXI	-	-
K5MA	130,000	175,000	N5CDO	75,000	125,000
K5TU	75,000	100,000	W5SJS	25,000	75,000
N5RO	-	-	-	-	-
K5LZO	150,000	225,000	TOTAL	2,590,000	4,045,000
WB5MYO	25,000	25,000		36 ENTRIES	38 ENTRIES
W5SG	75,000	75,000			
N5DU	100,000	125,000			
WD5CZF	-	-			
K5AF	50,000	50,000			
W5TMN	-	-			
K5WA	130,000	225,000			
K5IY	-	-			
AA5Y	-	-			
K5BZU	30,000	100,000			
K5YCP	-	-			
K5NU	-	-			
K5GN	150,000	225,000			
W5PTJ	-	50,000			
K5PFE	10,000	10,000			
W5JWM	-	40,000			
KA5CHW	150,000	225,000			
WA3OVC	125,000	200,000			
N5AF	-	-			
WB5LVL	25,000	-			
W5DOZ	25,000	40,000			
W5VUM	-	-			
K5FP	125,000	-			
K5TP	-	-			
W5URN	-	40,000			
WB5PBA	25,000	50,000			
W5HNS	25,000	40,000			
K5DX	25,000	125,000			
WB5WHR	75,000	100,000			
WD5CHY	25,000	40,000			
WA5UHT	25,000	60,000			
WB5SFS	-	-			
K5JS	50,000	25,000			
K5KC	25,000	25,000			

NOTES:

- 1) COMPILED BY K5WA, K5MA, AND KA5CHW
- 2) BASED ON INDIVIDUAL PAST PERFORMANCE, STATION CAPABILITY, ESTIMATED TIME AVAILABILITY
- 3) 56 ELIGIBLE TDXS MEMBERS BASED ON ARRL GEOGRAPHICAL AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS
- 4) GUEST OPERATOR SITUATIONS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION