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MEETING NOTICE: The October TDXS Meeting will be Friday, the 8th, at 7:30 P.M., at the Chimney Rock Medical Plaza, located at 6550 Mapleridge, which is near Bellaira General Hospital.

Contest Report

Well, October has turned out to be a busy month for contesting — lots of results out, lots of rumors surfacing, and, of course, lots of preparation being made for sweepstakes.

In the area of firm results, the October OQ carries the finals for last year's OQ WW CW contest. Conditions were great for this one, especially the farther northeast you were. Single OP tops for the Fifth District were K5ZD at N5AU (#4/USA). K5GA (#13/USA), and N5JJ (#23/USA). Other club member single OPs listed among the living were W5ASP and N5CDO slugging it out on 10 and K5BZU on 80. In case you're wondering where everyone else was that weekend, they were probably a member of one of the two club multi-op teams — W5RRR (by K5GN, K5U, KN5H and W5WHR) or K5KG (with KD4M, K5TU, K5VWW, N5DU and W5SG). Although K5GA still holds the USA multi-op/single XTMR record for OQ SSB, the extremely good East Coast conditions allowed the CW record to be taken from K5RC. I'm sure plans are being made to recapture that title. It was quite unique for the same station to hold the record for both modes at once.

Also out in this month's QST are complete results for the 1981 ARRL DX contest. The SSB weekend provided some great conditions with K5GN operating K5RC to the number 3 spot for 10 in the USA. The top single OP all-bander in South Texas was KN5H. Steve just missed winning the Texas plaque by 8.14 QSOs. It might be pointed out that the single band categories for South Texas were well covered by TDXS members. Besides 10 meters by Dave K5GN, 15 was won by W5WHR at K5WA, 20 by K5GA, 40 by N5JJ (which turned out to be the high 40 meter score for the USA), and 80 by K5BZU. K5KG with a little help from K5LZO, K5TU, KA5GJO, N5DU and W5ASP was the Fifth District high multi-op/single XTMR. Other members listed in the phone results were K5DK and N5CDO.

The CW weekend for the ARRL DX provided some nice low band conditions but overall were fairly marginal. Generally, marginal condx requires more pronounced operating skill. It will take a skilled OP who knows where to look for the short openings and how to take advantage of them. K5GN's score reflects this skill in his 4th place/USA finish in a top ten consisting mostly of East Coast. Fine job, Dave! In spite of this, however, Dave is still stuck with the K25M Texas plaque. And speaking of Dennis,

It's rare to see someone go to so much effort as to go all the way to Caracas just to run W's for a weekend. In case you can't remember what either of these four-eyes looks like, just feast your bifocals on pages 81 and 85 of the October QST. Again, we had a nice showing for TDXS members with KN5H at K5IY #1 for 20, K5WA for 15, and WBSWHR on 10. Also listed on code were W5ASP, K5DK, K5BZU and an obscure Saudi station manned by K5KG. George did a terrific job from so far away plus having to work during the contest. High multi/single for W5 was N5CDO with moral support from N5JJ followed closely by AA5Y with K5TU, K65U, N5DU and W5JQ. Although the club aggregate score is down due to the number of single band efforts this year, I feel the group is to be congratulated for its fine overall listing.

The rumors are out for the radiosport championship. Shown as being among the tops in the US are:

K5KG #1 mixed mode
 K25M #2 phone
 K5DK #6 phone
 K5GA by K5GN #1 CW
 N5JJ #2 CW
 K65FU #10 multi-op

Not a bad showing at all! The Fifth District does seem to do well in this contest. By taking the top 6 stations out of each of the 4 categories, 10 of these 24 are in W5 land. This may be due to the fact that generally summer conditions give the most southern stations the edge, especially on 10 and 15. However much some may grumble as to the need to reorganize the scoring structure for radiosport, it still gives any any contingent a chance at winning. Thanks to AA2Z for sending down a copy of the high claims.

Sweepstakes.... is rapidly approaching. The team draft was held at the last meeting and went something like....

KASGJO	N5JJ	K25M	K5WA
K5GN	K5LZO	K5KG	KN5H
WBSWHR	N5EA	K5GA	N5DU
K5GB	NA5R	K5JS	K5TU
K65U	W5ASP	K5VWW	K5MA
K65FU	K5IY	N5WW	W5HNS
K5DK	AK5B	W5JQ	W5JWM
K5RC	K5BZU	KC5CP	AC5K
AA5Y	W5MYO	W5SG	KN5A

The captains based selection primarily on the operator's ability to enhance his team's score, however, it shouldn't be forgotten that the whole point of the team competition is to maximize the club score. I am sure we are all proud to be able to exhibit our club gavel for the SS win in 1980. The biggest credit the gavel can offer is to the individual cohesiveness and unselfishness within the group that it takes to produce a winning club entry. A lot of time preparing and operating for sweepstakes was spent by many who may not really care for SS, but wanted to see the club do well.

This year seems to be shaping up nicely with many new towers and antennas going up for November. K25M is ready to initiate litigation against the Houston emporium unless we get his beams in soon. Others without stations are making arrangements for homes for the contests. Last year the club seemed to lack the drive to win the medium class club gavel. We went through the motion of drafting and trying to get pumped up, but could only muster a total of 43 entries. The club that finished #1 in the medium category has a roster in excess of 200 - so, 50 entries was a snap for them. However, I feel we really weren't beaten, we just lost because of the bad luck of 2

member's scores being disqualified and our overall lack of intensity resulting in some scores not being submitted. How close we were to being first should show the importance of everyone operating and submitting their score, even if they feel it is insignificant. We'll have more to say about SS at the next club meeting, so please don't miss it.

A FEW FINAL NOTES . . .

We should have an excellent club score for this September's CS sprint.

The TDXS teams and claimed numbers are:

<u>Team A</u>	K5ZD	364 QSOs	41 multipliers
	K5RC (K5GN)	326	41
	N5JJ	297	41
	K5WA	252	38
	KN5H	252	39
	WB5WHR	N/A	
	K6SU	231	39
	K5KG	220	37
	KZ5M	240	40
	K5TU	221	37
<u>Team B</u>	KY5A	98	32
	NA5R	153	37
	N5DU	249	36 (Barefoot!)
	K5LZO	236	40
	W5JQ	N/A	

Not too bad for a 4-hour contest. What may make sprint so challenging is having to change frequency after each QSO. This means you have to keep your concentration at all times. The way a Team B member can progress to Team A is by beating a Team A member. Further, any Team A member who has missed two sprints will be assigned to Team B and have to re-establish himself through his score.

DON'T FORGET - CW sprint logs must be received at W6OAT by October 19.

So,
That's all for now.

73 Dave, N5JJ

By the way... You know you have made the big time when you are used as a positive example in a teaching situation. If you look closely at the sample log page for SS on page 73 of October QST, you will notice W5SG there. You may also notice that of the ten entries on that sample page, seven are in the Fifth District ... you think Mark is making a point?

FBI #10, out.

FOR SALE

Dentron 160 XV 160-meter transverter \$100. Call Sharp, K5DX

HOPE EVERYONE GOT A SHOT AT THE 3C1JA THAT SHOWED LAST WEEK-END IF YOU NEEDED HIM. THIS WEEK HOLDS THE POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER REALLY GOOD ONE. HOPEFULLY A "JA" THAT IS CURRENTLY IN GABON WILL SHOW-UP IN CHAD LATER THIS WEEK. THE INTERNATIONAL DX FOUNDATION HAS FORWARDED A TRI-BAND BEAM TO HIM VIA W4LZZ, AND JACQUES SHOULD HAVE DELIVERED IT EARLIER THIS WEEK.

FORTY AND EIGHTY METERS HAVE BEEN EXCELLENT THIS LAST TWO WEEKS. SOUTH COOK, NEW ZEALAND, CAMPBELL ISLAND HAVE BEEN ON 3.797 MCS A COUPLE OF DAYS EACH WEEK. THEY ARE 55 TO 58 SIGNAL STRENGTH AT 1100 ZULU AND USUALLY PEAK ABOUT HALF AN HOUR LATER AT 58 TO 10 OVER... EARLY EVENING (ABOUT 0000Z) HAS VERY LITTLE NOISE ON FORTY METERS AND SEVERAL FELLOWS WORKED THE "TR8", AND JUST THIS WEEK GERRY SMILLIE, "ZD7BW" HAS BEEN 4 TO 5 UNITS ABOVE THE NOISE LEVEL ON 7089 KC LISTENING UP INTO THE US PHONE BAND. I ALSO HEARD "VU9CK" IN QSO WITH A VE3 THIS WEEK ON 7088 KC. I THINK HE WAS PROBABLY OVER THE NORTH POLE BUT WITHOUT A HIGH ROTATABLE BEAM I COULD JUST TELL HE WAS THERE. FROM THE GIST OF THE QSO KARNAC IS FAIRLY REGULAR ON 4D AT THAT TIME OF DAY BUT WE DON'T NORMALLY HEAR THAT PART OF THE WORLD DUE TO POOR PROPAGATION.

"5R8AL" HAS BEEN SHOWING UP ON MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS WITH HIS MANAGER, 'WA4VDE', AROUND 1830 ZULU GIVE OR TAKE A HALF HOUR. ALAIN TALKS A FEW MINUTES WITH HIS MANAGER ON 21.330 MCS AND THEN GOES SPLIT LISTENING UP ABOUT TEN KC FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE HOUR HE DEDICATES FOR STATESIDE OPERATION. THIS LAST MONDAY WAS A REAL CHINESE FIRE DRILL. HALF THE PEOPLE WERE FROTHING AT THE MOUTH AND THE OTHERS WERE HECKLING AND DRIVING GROUP 'A' FURTHER UP THE WALL. I WOULD ESTIMATE 35 TO 45 QSO'S WERE MADE IN SPITE OF THE WONDERFUL OPERATING TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED. BULLET ELECTRONICS WITH THEIR SOUND SYNTHESIZER HAS ADDED A NEW AND "WONDERFUL" FACET TO WORLD OF THREE YEAR OLD OPERATORS.

ERIK, "SMDAGD", ON HIS CONTINUING PACIFIC TRAVELS WILL OPEN FROM 'ZH7' ON OR ABOUT THE 4TH OF OCTOBER, REMEMBERING IN THAT PART OF THE WORLD THINGS DO NOT RUN ON AN END OF THE WORLD LIVE OR DIE SCHEDULE. HE WILL BE ACTIVE FROM THERE FOR THREE TO FOUR DAYS BEFORE HEADING FOR CANTON ISLAND. HE ANTICIPATES ARRIVING ON CANTON EARLY IN THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11 TO 15, AND HAS BEEN ISSUED THE CALL "T31AE" WITH QSL'S GOING TO "SM3CX9". HIS MANAGER HAS ALSO REQUESTED THAT QSL'S NOT BE LUMPED INTO ONE ENVELOPE AS IT REALLY SLOWS DOWN TURN-A-ROUND TIME..... I THINK THEY PROBABLY MISS THE ADDITIONAL "POSTAGE", AND ARE A LITTLE MORE POLITE ABOUT IT THAN THE T9XXX OPERATION EARLIER THIS YEAR. ERIK WILL WORK 1D THRU 80 METERS AT BOTH STOPS, AND HAS BEEN SPLITTING HIS OPERATING TIME ABOUT 80/20 % IN FAVOR OF CW.....

NOW I HAVE FOUND A LITTLE INFORMATION THAT TRULLY QUALIFIES FOR THE CATEGORY OF "GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS". THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THE WEEK BEGINNING 4 OCTOBER THERE WILL BE AN "OPERATION?????" FROM CHAD, "T18LW????", THE BAD NEWS IS THAT IT WILL PROBABLY BE ONE HOUR A DAY STATESIDE LIST ONLY OPERATION!!!! SUPPOSEDLY THE FRENCHMAN OPERATOR DOESN'T SPEAK ENGLISH WELL ENOUGH TO MANAGE THE PILE-UPS ON HIS ON???? I HAVE NOT HEARD TIMES OR FREQUENCIES BUT WITH THE CAT-CALLS AND QRM'ERS IT SHOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT TO FIND. THIS SOUNDS A LITTLE STRANGE COUPLED WITH "RUMOR" OF A 'JA' OPERATOR IN CHAD AT THE SAME TIME. I REALLY DON'T CARE WHICH ONE OR BOTH GET ON THE AIR BUT THAT WOULD FINISH THE "TERRIBLE T'S" FOR QUITE A FEW FOLKS.

KEEP AN EAR PEELED DURING THIS MONTH. AN UNEXPECTED FEW HOURS OF AIR TIME MIGHT OCCUR FROM BOUVET AGAIN THIS YEAR. THE LAST TWO YEARS ON OCT 22, 23, AND OR 24 THE MAINTENANCE CREW THAT SERVICES THE AUTOMATED WEATHER STATION ON "3Y" HAS FIRED UP THE RIGS TO CHECK THEM OUT. VERY FEW CONTACTS ARE MADE BUT THOSE THAT ARE LOOKING FOR THEM AND ARE LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE AMONG THE BLESSED FEW HAVE HAD THEIR CONTACTS ACCEPTEED FOR DXCC CREDIT....

AS I AM FINISHING THIS OFF WE ARE WAITING FOR THE OPERATION FROM ST. PETER AND PAUL ROCKS TO CRANK-UP. IT IS AMAZING THE GARBAGE AN EXPEDITION ATTRACTS. I THINK I SAID LAST MONTH THEY MIGHT PULL A 12 OR 14 HOUR OPERATION FROM "PYD" TRINDADE ON THEIR WAY BACK... IT LOOKS LIKE I MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN SOME "RUMOR" INFORMATION. "WA2MOE" SAID IF TIME PERMITS AND CREW MORAL IS UP THEY WILL BE PASSING FRENANDO DE NOROHONA ON THE WAY BACK AND MIGHT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE DRY LAND IF SEA SICKNESS POSSESS A PROBLEM ON THE WAY HOME.... CHANCES ARE THEY WILL NOT BE THERE FOR MORE THAN A DAY OR TWO A THE VERY MOST SO IF YOU NEED IT TAKE NOTE OF THE TIME THEY "BAIL-OFF" THE ROCKS AND LEAVE A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF SAILING TIME BEFORE YOU START LOOKING FOR THEM AGAIN. "NGCW" WILL HANDLE THE QSL'S FOR BOTH THESE INTERNATIONAL DX FOUNDATION EFFORTS.

I GUESS THE BIGGEST EXCITEMENT OF THE NEW MONTH OF OCTOBER HAS TO BE TOM WONG, "VE7BC". ABOUT THE TIME THE 1982 CONVENTION BREAKS UP HE SHOULD BE READY TO PUT CHINA BACK ON THE AIR FULL SCALE. TOM WILL OPERATE SSB ONLY ON 21.295 AND 14.195 MCS AND HOPEFULLY KNOCK OFF SOME OF THE BIG DEMAND FOR "BY" BY BEING REGULAR FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE WEEKS. WHEN HE LEAVES IT IS HOPEFUL AN ADDITIONAL CW STATION WILL BE ON THE AIR, POSSIBILITY A "BY7" CALL. TOM, HOPES TO BE ON THE AIR DURING THE CQ WW SSB CONTEST IN LATE AUGUST. I HOPE HE WILL I WAS VERY DISAPPOINTED DURING THE ALL ASIAN CW TEST.... "BY1PK" NEVER CALLED ME....

IT APPEARS THIS OCTOBER IS SHAPING UP AS A GREAT MONTH FOR EXPEDITIONS. REMEMBER THE SEASONAL CHANGES BETWEEN THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN HEMISPHERES ARE ROUGHLY THE SAME NOW AND THE DAYLIGHT AND DARK CYCLE ALMOST MATCH. THE PHYSICAL TEMPERATURES ARE ALSO ABOUT THE SAME, THAT MAKES THE EQUATORIAL OPENINGS FROM 30 DEGREES NORTH TO 30 DEGREES SOUTH VERY STRONG ON ALL BANDS.

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..... AND MR. FRANK JUST FOR YOU "1AOKM" SHOULD BE ACTIVE
..... DURING THE CQ WORLD WIDE SSB TEST IN LATE OCTOBER.....
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AGAIN PLEASE RETURN THE DXCC CHECK OFF SHEET FROM THE LAST ISSUE. RETURN HAS BEEN VERY SLOW AND IT HASN'T BEEN WORTH CRANKING UP THE COMPUTER AS YET.

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