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MEETING NOTICE: The April 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 Bellaire General Hospital.

DX STANDINGS

How do your DX-countries totals stack up with other members of the Club? I cannot guarantee the accuracy of this list, but here are TDXS members with over 200 countries confirmed

CW phone mixed category

K5DX	355-313 honor roll
K5RC	336-313 honor roll
WSUN	353-313 honor roll
K5AAD	341-312 honor roll
W5DOZ	314-309 honor roll
N5EA	324-307 honor roll
K5BZU	319-306 honor roll
K5YCP	301
KB5FU	290
K5VWW	282
K5KG	276
AK5B	272
KC5M	270
WB5PBA	250
KA5MUI	228
KC5CP	211
WD5GXI	208

Phone only category

WSJWM	350-314 honor roll
K5DX	350-313 honor roll
KC5M	268
WB5PBA	247
W5LLU	231
WSURN	226
WSHNS	224

If you have not reached the 200 level yet, you might try monitoring the repeater a little more often. Also, enter the DX Contest. If you are above 200, take aim on a person just above you, and give him or her a run for the money.

K5DX - Sharp

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Deed Restrictions

Recently, one of our members who lives in a subdivision where there is no mention of antennas in the deed restrictions, received a letter from the community association advising him they believed his antenna violated their restrictions. The letter referred to restrictions which prohibited "noxious or offensive trade or activity" and anything "which may become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood"; which prohibits the use of premises for "illegal" purposes and for any purpose in violation of the law or relevant government regulations; which prohibits "machinery" from being kept or stored within view of a public street; which prohibits a structure exceeding three stories in height and which is in conflict with the external design of existing structures in the subdivision.

This is the most "creative" interpretation of deed restrictions that I have ever seen, and illustrates how far certain people are willing to stretch land use regulations. This creativeness (the kindest word I can think of for describing such an attitude) is strengthened by the cost of defending yourself from this kind of attack.

I have known law enforcement officers to make arrests knowing they cannot get a conviction on the premise "you may beat the rap, but you can't beat the ride". In other words, even if you win a restriction suit, you lose the cost of your defense. If it turns out you do violate restrictions, you even lose attorney's fees to those who sue you.

I would suggest a couple of things. First, all hams should become active members of the civic association in the community where they live, and should make every effort to get elected to the Boards. Second, a letter-writing campaign directed to your State Legislator in Austin should be undertaken. Point out the inequity in the statute allowing attorney's fees to those who sue us, and suggest it would be only fair if they had to pay our fees if they lost. Third, prevail upon other hams to do likewise. It may be time for a general uprising against these attitudes. We must be certain that we clean up our act and become the best neighbors in the community. Finally, it may be appropriate to consider a fundraising project designed to set up a legal defense fund from which a member can receive help to pay the expenses that may be his simply because he pursues the hobby of ham radio.

AA5Y, Tom

Contest Report

Well, rumor has it that TDXS may be the recipient of its second gavel for the medium category club score in Sweepstakes. Full results should be in the May issue of QST. The club should be very proud of this award because of the amount of effort that went into it.

The April QST carried results for last December's 160 meter contest. Number 1 and 2 for South Texas were K5LZO and KB5FU. Static levels were staggering during this one.

Other results out are for the 1982 All Asian contests. The only club members listed were KB5FU #1 USA/7 mhz for the phone contest and N5JJ #1 North America/all band for CW. KB5FU was also on for Code.

Since April is not a big month for contests, it is a good aluminum-raising time. A lot of people have big plans for this spring and summer.

That's it for now

73 Dave N5JJ

QSL MANAGER DIRECTORY

A Qsl Manager Directory is available from Ken Franke, N5EBD, consisting of over 6,000 managers in a computerized list. Write Ken at P.O. Box 12163, Houston, Texas, 77207.

AN EAST AFRICA PARABLE (or, "This is for you Counselor")

Once upon a time, there was an old indian chief named Chief Shortcake. Now the chief had three wives, as was befitting a man of his stature, and each one slept on a different animal hide in the chief's tent.

The first wife slept on a bear skin hide and she gave the chief one son. The second wife slept on a buffalo skin hide and she also gave him one son. (Sounds pretty monotonous so far doesn't it) The third wife slept on a hippopotamus hide, which was not a gift from Frank Buck, and she gave the chief two sons.

The moral of the story: the squaw of the hippopotamus hide is equal to the sum of the squaws of the other two hides.

Now wasn't this a fun story?

Tom Ashworth, N5EA

(EDITOR'S NOTE: I had nothing to do with this!)

