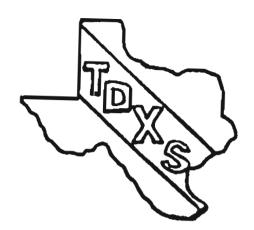
# THE BULL SHEET



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MEETING NOTICE: The January TDXS Meeting will be Friday, the 14th, at 7:30 P.M., at the Chimney Rock Medical Plaza, located at 6550 Mapleridge, which is near Bellaire General Hospital.

#### President's Message

As newly-elected President of TDXS, I would like to propose to the membership that we focus on two main objectives for 1983: (1) to become more competitive in the area of DX contests, and (2) to provide a first-rate DX and contest symposium for the ARKL National Convention to be held this October in Houston.

TDXS has traditionally been a major force in national contests such as Sweepstakes and Field Day. On the DX front, our efforts have, at times, been encouraging; however, there is room for improvement. I realize that not all of us have the station facilities to launch an individual full-scale competitive effort in a major DX contest. However, there are now enough stations within our club that have the necessary facilities, given good operators, to put TDXS at the top. This will require planning by the stations' owners and our Contest Chairman, N5JJ, to successfully coordinate such a multi-op effort. As our first DX contest approaches in February, I urge all of you to begin planning with David and our "Big Gun" station owners for an all-out effort.

The planning for the contest and DX symposium for the ARRL National Convention is well underway. Bob, N5DU, is our club liaison to Houston Ham Conventions which is coordinating the National Convention with league headquarters. Bob has already drafted the ground rules for the symposium and should begin mailing publicity information in a few weeks. A number of speakers are currently under consideration. Any suggestions or requests along convention lines should be directed to Bob.

The 1983 TDXS officers and board members are:

President	Jay Temple	W5JQ
Vice President	Chuck Coleman	K5LZO
Treasurer	Tom Ashworth	N5EA
Secretary	Joe Staples	W5ASP
Contest	David Busick	N5JJ
DX	Clarence Sharp	K5DX
Repeater	Kim Carr	K5TU
Bull Sheet	Al Vacek	KN5A
Legal	Tom Lay	AA5Y

The Field Day Chairman position is still open. I would prefer to have a volunteer who has a few years' experience under his belt. Please see me if you are interested.

We all look forward to a very prosperous and eventful 1983 for TDXS and encourage all of you to participate more in the activities of our club.

Jay WSJQ

#### Contest Report

Well, Hello again and Happy New Year! I enjoyed being your Contest Chairman last year and look forward to this year. The big news to report now is how well the club did in Sweepstakes. It looks like we had our best Sweepstakes effort yet. Forty-nine entries were submitted, all we could find, and even with activity and scores down this year, the club aggregate score should stay above 5.5 million points. This really was an outstanding effort by the group. The team captains, KZ5M, K5WA and KD5SP, deserve a pat on the back for their work organizing their teams. The following is a team breakdown with member contributions. Scores are in thousands and phone and CW are combined where applicable.

The Jock	key Junks	The Mach	NOB	The Wise	Acres	The Short	Poles
<u>N5JJ</u>	381	KZ5M	376	K5WA	287	KD5SP	204
<b>K5LZ</b> 0	357	K5KG	166	KN5H	335	K5GN	383
N5EA	236	K5GA	208	N5DU	284	WB5WHR	102
<b>NA</b> 5R	<b>35</b> 5	K5VWW	86	K5MA	1 <b>8</b> 6	K5GB	181
w5asp	211	W5JQ	75	W5HN5	74	KG5U	236
AK5B	34	KC5CP	175	W5JWM	29	KB5FU	163
K5BZU	7 <b>99</b>	W5SG	56	AC5K	<b>7</b> 0	K5DX	163
				KN5A	200	•	
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The 10-meter contest last month seems to have fallen on good conditions again this time. Obviously, 10 is not quiet dead yet as the W5RRR team had close to 3,000 QSOs multi-op and K5RC had 1,700+ on CW only. Looks like Tom may win CW again and if so, this will be three in a row.

Conditions were not quite as good for the CQ WW CW contest, however. The K5RC team will probably be number one in the country for multi/single, but did not finish with quite a high enough score to regain the record.

Coming up this month will be the Texas QSO party and the CQ 160-meter CW contest. Competition should be keen for single op on 160 this year with K5ZD at N5AU, K5GN at K5RC and N5JJ with a new secret location - all going for the Texas certificate. Throw in a few local multi-ops and we should have a pretty loud band the last weekend this month.

That's it for now - Numbers, N5JJ
Texas DX Society

(some facts, figures and a little history)

By Jan Carman, K5MA with lots of help from K5NA/2

The Texas DX Society was formally organized in 1971 by a group of (generally) Houston area amateurs. There were nine charter members of the Club, and the primary organizers were K5PFL (later to become K5NA) as President, K5RLW (N5WW) as Vice President and K5PFL as Secretary/Treasurer. The charter members who formalized the Texas DX Society organization were a loosely-organized Field Day group who had operated that activity together for several years prior to the formal founding of the Club.

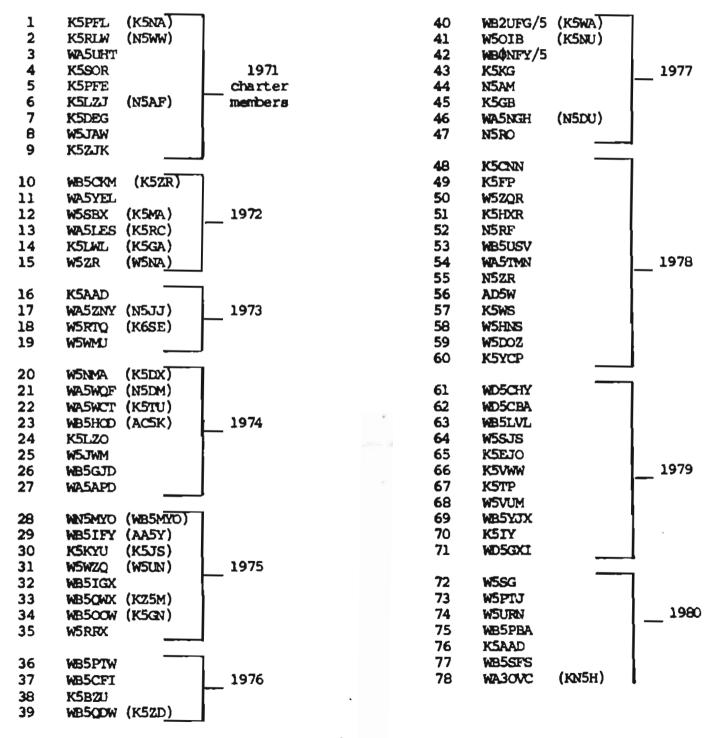
ARM. Field Day has played a significant role in Club activities since the Club's founding in 1971. In the early years, most of the Field Day activities were in the 2-transmitter class, but we finally made the big time by taking the top spot nationally in the 3-transmitter class in 1975. Since that time, TOXS has taken the number one spot in the 3-transmitter class in 1977, 1979, 1981 and 1982.

TDXS has been an ARRL-affiliated club since its founding. The original Constitution insured that the Club would maintain the character of a fraternal organization in that each prospective member must be accepted by a majority vote of the active members before becoming a TDXS member. That tradition has been maintained and refined with our present Constitution which took effect on July 5, 1979. The formal beginning of the Club Board of Directors was September 1, 1977, and the present Board makeup was established by the 1979 Constitution.

Most of the members of the TDXS are active amateurs who specialize in HF and VHF contesting and DXing. In addition to our national prominance in the ARRL Field Day competition, TDXS won the first place gavel in the 1980 ARRL Sweepstakes medium club competition. Most of the club members hold ARRL DXCC certificates with many members on the DXCC honor roll. One member has even worked all of the countries on the current DXCC listing of non-deleted countries.

The following two tables are included to give our newer members some insight into the history of Club personnel. Table 1 is a numerical and chronological listing of all Club members beginning with the nine charter members through mid-1980. Table 2 is a listing of Club officers and directors since its founding. Since most of our members have changed call signs at least once during the past ten years, the call assigned at the time the office was held is listed first followed by the present call in parenthesis.

Table 1 TDXS member entry sequence



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TABLE 2
TEXAS DX SOCIETY OFFICERS

Year	President	Vice Pres	President Vice Pres Sec Tres Secretary Tressurer	Secretary	Tres surer	Contest Chairman	F.D. Chairman	Editor Creater	Meding	Report Por Chairmon	Legal Chirmon	D X Chairman
1971	KSPFL (XSMA)	KSPFL KSRIW KSPFL (XSNA) (NSWW) (KSNA)	KSPFL (KSNA)	:	İ	1	:					
1972	KSRLW (MSWW)	KSPFL (KSMA)	KSPFL (KSNA)						·			
1973	KSLEJ (MSAF)	KSPFE	KSPFL (KSNA)					-	• •			
1974 WASUNT WESBY	WASUNT		KSPFL (KSMA)			WSSBX (XSMA)	KSRLW (NSWW)		WASLES (KSRC)			
1975 (KSRC)		WSSBX (KSMA)	KSPFL (KSNA)		·	WSSBK (KSMA)	KSRLW (NSWW)		WBSIFY (AASY)			
9261	WASLES (KSRC)	KST SO KS KAN	KS KYU (KSJS)			KSLEO WASWRF (USDA)	WASWRF (NSDM)	(KSTU)	(ASIV)			
1977 WSSBX (xsm)		KSPFL (KSMA)	KSKYU (KSJS)			NABRA OKANO PARSH	HISBEU (NSMAF)	WASLES (KSRC)	WBSIFY (AASY)			:
1978	KSMA	XSDX	(KESK)			KSBZU	KSNA	KSRC	WBSIFY (AASY)			
7979 KSDX	KSDX	KSMA	KSJS	KSIS	KSNA	KSBEW	KSNA	KSRC	WSY	KS TU	XSX.	nz8sy
1980	1980 NSWW KSBZU	KSBZU		KASCHW (KESM)	KS NA KS 68	KSWA	NSDU	KSAC		KSTU	AASY	KANAX
1981 NSWW	NSWW	KSBzu		W556	K56B	KSGN	NSDH	KASCHW (KZSM)		KSTu	AASY	KSVWW
1982 NSDU	NSDM	KSTU		WSASP	K568	NSJJ	WSJQ KNSA	KNSA		NSWW	AASY	KBSFU

#### Dues

The 1983 dues are payable immediately and were once again set at \$25 by the membership at the December meeting.

## January Meeting Presentation

Wes, N5WW, will give an eyewitness account, together with slides of the recent tower disaster in Stafford.

### 1983 TDXS Calendar

As my contribution to this January 1983 Bull Sheet, I have attached a copy of your annual TDXS Calendar which is suitable for framing and hanging in the shack. RTTY and computer enthusiasts in the club will find this calendar particularly interesting (especially if I can locate the program for the top half of the YL on the poster - all you can see here is her feet)!

73's - Al KN5A