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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 ARRL 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 W5JQ

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 Jockey Junks		The Machos		The Wise Acres		The Short Poles	
N5JJ	381	KZ5M	376	K5WA	287	KD5SP	204
K5LZO	357	K5KG	166	KN5H	335	K5GN	383
N5EA	236	K5GA	208	N5DU	284	WB5WHR	102
NA5R	355	K5VWW	86	K5MA	186	K5GB	181
W5ASP	211	W5JQ	75	W5HNS	74	KG5U	236
AK5B	34	KC5CP	175	W5JWM	29	KB5FU	163
K5BZU	99	W5SG	56	AC5K	70	K5DX	163
				KN5A	200		
	1.673 meg		1.142 meg		1.465 meg		1.432 meg = 5.71:

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.

ARRL 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, TDXS 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 prominence 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

1	K5PFL (K5NA)	1971 charter members	40	WB2UFG/5 (K5WA)	1977
2	K5RLW (N5WW)		41	W5OIB (K5NU)	
3	W5UHT		42	WB0NFY/5	
4	K5SOR		43	K5KG	
5	K5PFE		44	N5AM	
6	K5LZJ (N5AF)		45	K5GB	
7	K5DEG		46	W5NGH (N5DU)	
8	W5JAW		47	N5RO	
9	K5ZJK				
10	WB5CKM (K5ZR)	1972	48	K5CNN	1978
11	W5YEL		49	K5FP	
12	W5SBX (K5MA)		50	W5ZQR	
13	W5LES (K5RC)		51	K5HXR	
14	K5LWL (K5GA)		52	N5RF	
15	W5ZR (W5NA)	53	WB5USV		
16	K5AAD	1973	54	W5TMN	
17	W5ZNY (N5JJ)		55	N5ZR	
18	W5RTQ (K6SE)		56	AD5W	
19	W5WMU		57	K5WS	
20	W5NMA (K5DX)	1974	58	W5HNS	1979
21	W5WQF (N5DM)		59	W5DOZ	
22	W5WCT (K5TU)		60	K5YCP	
23	WB5HOD (AC5K)		61	W5CHY	
24	K5LZO		62	W5CBA	
25	W5JWM		63	WB5LVL	
26	WB5GJD		64	W5SJS	
27	W5APD		65	K5EJO	
28	W5MYO (WB5MYO)	66	K5VWW	1980	
29	WB5IFY (AA5Y)	67	K5TP		
30	K5KYU (K5JS)	68	W5VUM		
31	W5WZQ (W5UN)	69	WB5YJX		
32	WB5IGX	70	K5IY		
33	WB5QWX (KZ5M)	71	W5GXI		
34	WB5OCW (K5GN)	72	W5SG		
35	W5RFX	73	W5PTJ		
36	WB5PTW	74	W5URN		
37	WB5CFI	75	WB5PBA		
38	K5BZU	76	K5AAD		
39	WB5QDW (K5ZD)	77	WB5SFS		
		78	W5OVC (KN5H)		

TABLE 2
TEXAS DX SOCIETY OFFICERS

Year	President	Vice Pres.	Sec/Treas	Secretary	Treasurer	Contest Chairman	FD Chairman	Editor/Constitution Chairman	Meeting Chairman	Reporter Chairman	Legal Chairman	DX Chairman
1971	KSPFL (KSNA)	KSRW (NSWW)	KSPFL (KSNA)									
1972	KSRW (NSWW)	KSPFL (KSNA)	KSPFL (KSNA)									
1973	KSLZJ (NEAF)	KSPFE	KSPFL (KSNA)									
1974	WASUHT	WSSBX (KSMA)	KSPFL (KSNA)			WSSBX (KSMA)	KRLLW (NSWW)		WASLES (KSRC)			
1975	WASLES (KSRC)	WSSBX (KSMA)	KSPFL (KSNA)			WSSBX (KSMA)	KRLLW (NSWW)		WBSIFY (AASY)			
1976	WASLES (KSRC)	KSLZO	KSKYU (KSJS)			KSLZO	WASWRF (NSDM)	WASHCT (KSTU)	WBSIFY (AASY)			
1977	WSSBX (KSMA)	KSPFL (KSNA)	KSKYU (KSJS)			KSPFL (KSNA) KSBZU	WASWRF (NSDM)	WASLES (KSRC)	WBSIFY (AASY)			
1978	KSMA	KSDX	KSKYU (KSJS)			KSBZU	KSNA	KSRC	WBSIFY (AASY)			
1979	KSDX	KSMA	KSJS	KSTS KASCHW (KESM)	KSNA KS6B	KSBZU KSWA	KSNA NSWW	KSRC	AASY	KSTU	AASY	KSBZU
1980	NSWW	KSBZU		KASCHW (KESM)	KSNA KS6B	KSWA	NSDU	KSRC		KSTU	AASY	KSVWW
1981	NSWW	KSBZU		WSSG	KS6B	KS6N	NSDU	KASCHW (KESM)		KSTU	AASY	KSVWW
1982	NSDU	KSTU		WASAP	KS6B	NSJJ	WSJQ	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, NSW, 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. RITV 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