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MEETING NOTICE - The Texas DX Society meets the second Friday of each month except when changed by the Board of Directors. The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on August 10, 1984 at the Bellaire Hospital Professional Building, 6550 Mapleridge.

ARMADILLO RUN '84 - Most of the totals from the mobiles who participated in the 'Run are in, and looks like another fine effort.

Only a couple of mishaps were reported. The WA5PQK "Hilton-On-Wheels" blew a water hose in eastern Mississippi, but only detained the gang for a few hours during the reported solar flare on Saturday, so damage to their QSO total was minimal. Rumor has it that they also called N5JJ at the hospital to ask how to program the sequential serial number into the CK2 keyers. Dave is still laughing.

Phil, K5RVK and John, WA5ZVE ran into a slight altercation with the local police in the thriving metropolis of Saint Joseph, Louisiana. It seems that they were reported to be following cars around the town (I suppose for some obviously illegal deed) and were collared by the epitome of a local sheriff. Now would you believe someone who looks like Phil driving around in a white van with the likes of John sitting on an unattached car seat in the back of the van telling you some wild story about Armadillos and some type of radios you've never heard about !? OBVIOUSLY NOT! So, they were escorted by the local authority out of town and several miles down the highway for good measure. John was reported to be on 14.050 calling for help during all this in case they needed bail money!

Orville, K5VWW and Kim, K5TU were literally blazing a trail through another small town in Louisiana and inadvertently neglected to stop at one of those eight sided red signs so appropriately called a STOP sign. Of course, Murphy was riding shotgun in the BMW...The local authorities were stopped in their official vehicle in the oncoming lane as Orville blew through the intersection at 60 MPH. The Fuzzbuster didn't announce his presence since the sheriff didn't have his radar on. Just about the time Kim called Orville's attention to the sign, the officer did a 180 in the intersection and pulled over the BMW and checked for a stolen vehicle. Orville, with a slightly more conservative approach, tried to explain radios and Armadillos to the sheriff, too. Sensing that this sheriff was becoming more suspicious by the minute, Orville switched conversations to Transco, his employer. As luck would have it, this sheriff had done some construction work on a Transco gas pipeline nearby and knew all about Transco. The diversion got Orville off the hook without a citation and with only a promise to be more careful. Kim proposed a design for a new

device similar to the Fuzzbuster that could optically scan for STOP signs, but Orvilly didn't think much of the idea.

Wes, N5WW and his son Michael were off to a bum start when the bugcatcher antenna took a hit only 2 miles from the N5WW home QTH. The mount reportedly took the brunt of the damage, so Wes changed antennas and added some guy wires to get back on the road. On Saturday, his trip was cut short by a yet unidentified 'knock' in the engine of the van...Obviously one of those kind you don't want to get worse in the swamps of southern Louisiana. Wes still managed to deal out quite a few QSO's.

About those logs...Let's remember to submit them to the County Hunter's Contest prior to the deadline this year.

SCUTTLEBUTT Congrats to new member WA5PQK. George was elected to membership and announced at the July meeting...Several more TDXS'ers made it through the bedlam to grab XULSS on the Sunday morning circus.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF HON. BULLSHEET EDITOR - K5TU K25M talked me into this...

I was born in Seminole, Oklahoma the son of an accountant for Gulf Oil Corporation. However the first QTH I can remember was in Oklahoma City where I lived half a block up the street from K5JEA. Ham radio fascinated me and I would often spend Sunday afternoon listening to Kermit work Africa on 20 M SSB. Many times he tried to get me to talk, but I was a bit shy and never did.

My family moved to Houston when I was in the sixth grade, and three years later found a local ham, W5VPE to give me the novice exam. As many of us did, I had a friend down the street I convinced that he needed a ham ticket too, so we got licensed together in November of 1968. He got WN5WCY.

I lasted four months as WN5WCT. Novice was no fun for me being crystal controlled with a Lafayette Starflite transmitter (kit) and a borrowed Hallicrafters Sky Buddy receiver. The RX had 5 tubes, no bandspread, and a front end that covered 80 and 40 at the same time. After upgrading to Advanced and mastering CW pretty well, I got a Heathkit HW-100 and a 2 el quad up 40 feet. A whole new world of DX came into the picture. When the FCC took the bottom end of the band away from Advanced class operators, I was forced to upgrade again, and got the Extra ticket.

I spent the usual high school years getting into one mess after another, with a little hamming between girlfriends. I submitted to peer pressure and went to Texas A & M as a freshman electrical engineering student in the fall of 1971 only to find that Aggies didn't agree with me. (I was a non-reg...not in the Corps of Cadets) I sweated the draft and lucked out with # 256 in a year when they only called up through # 91. A & M and I didn't see eye-to-eye except for the Memorial Student Center Amateur Radio Club, W5AC. I cut class too many times to work Europe with a Collins S-Line KW and a TH6. I survived the first year with a 2.3 grade point and left Aggie land forever. (It IS true that the best thing in College Station is the outbound lane of HWY 6.)

An identity crisis set in, and I couldn't make up my mind what to do or where to go after leaving A & M. My father convinced me to enroll in U of H and

take a course or two just to stay in school. Though we very seldom agreed, my dad was right that time. A year later with only 9 more credit hours under my belt, I got my head back together and got serious about college.

I graduated with honors from U of H in 1975 with a B.S. degree and went to work for Cameron Iron Works immediately as a design engineer. Two years later I transferred to Brazil, where PY1RO and PY1ZAE helped me cut through the Brazillian bureaucracy to get my reciprocal license as PY1ZDK. I had an SB102 transceiver with an outboard SB303 receiver and a SB200 KW feeding a 2 element Quad on the roof of my 13 story apartment building. Those 14 months as PY1ZDK were probably the height of my ham radio years. I won CQWW CW, ARRL DX CW and ARRL DX Phone contests for Brasil in the 1977/78 contest season. I had DXCC CW and WAS CW and, apparently, a big signal from South America.

I returned to Houston in September of 1978 and had a tower and the Brasillian manufactured quad up by March of 1979. I also started graduate school at night in January of 1979, and found myself a father in April of 1980. (William was born in the middle of final exams that year). A distressing legal hassle with the Glencairn Civic Association over the definition of a "free-standing" antenna caused me to move from that subdivision in November of 1982. I finished graduate school in December, 1981 with a Masters degree in Business Administration.

Today I live in a nice house in a nice neighborhood that doesn't allow any type of outside antennas...the coming trend for Houston deed restrictions. Thanks to the generosity of several TDXS members, I get to contest at some big signal multi-multi stations. I have worked for Cameron for 9½ years, and now carry the ambiguous title of Senior Product Design Engineer for their Control Systems products.

I'm opinionated...I love CW...I rarely work SSB...I despise list taking or list operations of any type - I've never worked a station on a list. I enjoy contesting and DXing both, but prefer to contest with the limited time I have. North American Sprint is my favorite contest, though my scores are only average. I also enjoy computers...I have an IBM PC that will soon be on RTTY.

Ultimately I hope to have a contest station though nothing the magnitude of the setup at Radio Manvel or the ex pasture behind K5RC's place. A big sig on 40 M is a must, along with a long boom on the other bands.

My biggest thrill is running JAs on 40 M during CQWW.

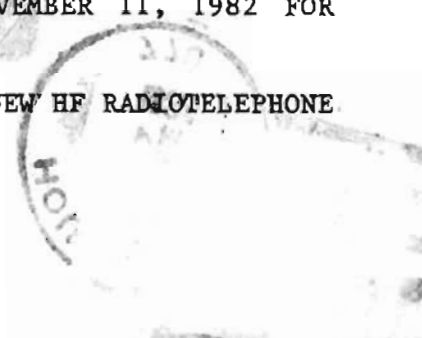
ARRL BULLETINS VIA RTTY (courtesy of W5D0Z)

HR ARRL BULLETIN NR 58 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS, NEWINGTON, CT JULY 20, 1984
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

THE FCC RELEASED ON JULY 20 A SECOND REPORT AND ORDER OF THE HF PHONE BAND EXPANSION DOCKET, PR DOCKET NUMBER 82 83 AND ALSO GRANTED THE PETITION, RM 4228, FILED BY RANDALL F. SOBALL, KH6XX, ALLOWING PHONE OPERATION ON 7075 TO 7100 IN THE STATE OF HAWAII. SEE THE ARRL LETTER, NOVEMBER 11, 1982 FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

EFFECTIVE 0001 UTC, SEPTEMBER 1, 1984, THESE WILL BE THE NEW HF RADIOTELEPHONE SUBBANDS.

3750 TO 3775 KHZ EXTRA CLASS
3775 TO 3850 KHZ ADVANCED AND EXTRA CLASS



3850 TO 4000 KHZ GENERAL, ADVANCED, AND EXTRA CLASS

21200 TO 21225 KHZ EXTRA CLASS

21225 TO 21300 KHZ ADVANCED AND EXTRA CLASS

21300 TO 21450 KHZ GENERAL, ADVANCED AND EXTRA CLASS

28300 TO 29700 KHZ GENERAL, ADVANCED, AND EXTRA CLASS

WITH REGARD TO THE 40 METER BAND, FCC CONCURS WITH ARRL THAT PHONE BAND EXPANSION HERE WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO CW OPERATIONS. HOWEVER, THE COMMISSION WILL ALLOW PHONE OPERATION ON 7075 TO 7100 KHZ IN HAWAII AND REGIONS NEAR REGION 3, INCLUDING ALASKA.

REMEMBER THAT THESE NEW PHONE PRIVILEGES ARE NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL 0001 UTC, SEPTEMBER 1, 1984.

~~IN SUMMARY,~~ THE FCC ADOPTED THE PLAN AS OUTLINEE IN THE ARRLS COMMENTS, WITH THE ADDITION OF EXPANDED PHONE OPERATION AT 7075 TO 7100 KHZ IN CERTAIN GEOGRAPHIC AREAS NEAR REGION 3. DETAILS WILL BE IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE ARRL LETTER AND SEPTEMBER QST. AR

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