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MEETING NOTICE -- The Texas DX Society meets the second Friday of each month unless changed by the Board of Directors. The December TDXS meeting will be held December 14, at the Bellaire Hospital Professional Building, 6550 Mapleridge at 7:30 p.m.

BLESSED ARE THE WEAK, FOR THEY SHALL LOSE THE FREQ... (an old TDXS proverb from K2TNO) Overheard by your loyal Contest Chairperson on 3850 about 1:00 am Sunday morning during SS fone:

KORF: CQSS CQSS CQSS, etc...

TDXS BIG GUN: KORF, the freq is in use, please QSY, thanks. QRZ contest, etc...

KORF: Whaddya mean? I've been here for some time! QRZ CONTEST, etc....

TDXS BIG GUN: No, it's MY frequency - I've been right here for over two hours!

KORF: (Indignantly) You have not! I've just run a bunch of Q's on this QRG.

TDXS BIG GUN: (Righteously) I just got up to sharpen my pencils, and now I'm back.

KORF: (Sensing the kill) Yeah, but you DID leave, didn't you?!

TDXS BIG GUN: Only to go use the pencil sharpener, and now I need my frequency back. OK?

KORF: How the hell can you reserve a frequency for crying out loud?

TDXS BIG GUN/KORF: (Two more rounds of the same argument.)

TDXS BIG GUN: (Diplomatically) Well anyway, I'd appreciate it if you'd please QSY. By the way, have we worked each other?

KORF: No, I guess not...

TDXS BIG GUN: Well, while we're arguing, you're my number xx....etc. -QSL?

KORF: QSL; number xx...etc. -QSL?

TDXS BIG GUN: Now that we've worked, what about the frequency?

KORF: (Tentatively) I still don't see how you figure it's yours...

TDXS BIG GUN: (Closing the deal on a minor point) Tell you what...The NEXT time we knock heads over a frequency like this, I'll let YOU have it, OK?

KORF: (Bewildered) OK, you win. I'll QSY. Good luck.

TDXS BIG GUN: Thanks! CQSS CQSS etc.

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QUESTION FOR EXTRA CREDIT (de K2TNO) Which of the above hams is the car salesman?

SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO DX'ERS (de KC5M) The annual DXCC listing will not be in December QST as originally planned. In a recent telephone conversation with Don Search, he revealed that this delay is the result of a "flood" of cards received prior to the September deadline. Consequentially, a six to seven week turn around for DXCC credit was a common occurrence.

CLIFFERTON F08 Another attempt is scheduled for next spring. The suggested time frame is March or April, 1985. All looks "A-OK" at this time.

San Felix CE0AA With more than 31,000 QSO's in the log, the QSL team is anxiously waiting for your card. For those in doubt, the following is the QSL route:

CE0AA
Box 700
Santiago, Chile

CHAD T18CW Alain has been very active on 20 meter CW. Try 14024 or 14007 KHz at 2100 UTC...He has not been easy to hear, but definitely workable. QSL to F6GXB. Documentation is to be sent to ARRL and this one is expected to be good.

KERGUELEN F10XA This one is expected any day. The operator has a one year assignment and has strong interest in 40 Meter CW. He should be very active and operates contest style.

NEW FRENCH PREFIXES The new prefix system will include the license class. For example, F5VU will be F5VU. Other examples would be FA/FB/FC/FD/FE. The old prefix of FB will become FT and FC will go to FK. (I wondered who those guys were during CQCW!..Leave it to the FROGS... - ed.)

THANKS, ITS BEEN FUN (de KC5M) Just a brief word on how much I have enjoyed being your DX Chairperson. It is great to belong to an organization such as the TDXS and play a small part in its activities. 1984 has been a fun year. Thank You. 73, Frank, KC5M.

PARTING SHOTS FROM HON. EDITOR (de Hon. Ed. KSTU) I hope those of you who regularly read the BULLSHEET found the material good reading. I've tried to give equal time to DX and contest activities alike and leave the editorializing to the repeater where you can get a 'return shot'. Though the BULLSHEET is a rather time consuming job, (I spent an average of 7 hours per month to get the word processing, copying, folding etc. done.) I think it is an important job. The image and character of the TDXS is displayed in these pages and rests in the hands of the Editor. I hope one of you will take the 'keyboard by the cord' and volunteer for the post because you enjoy it.

Secondly, thanks are extended to regular contributors KC5M, K2TNO, W5DDZ and KZ5M. In addition to his regular contest reports, K2TNO wrote a couple of excellent technical articles. I wish some of the topics on the repeater had been authored, too. (Save the Counselor's Friday jokes...) How about that article, K5GN?

Lastly, sometimes we (especially me) forget that this is a group of DX and contest operators bound solely by a common interest...amateur radio. Some of us would never be acquainted without it, and others would not be friends except for it. It's not a vocation, nor does it put food on the table. Go for what you enjoy, and leave the rest. Sometimes I (and others) forget this and am openly critical of those with views other than mine. In light of this, the remark "It's only a hobby!" takes on a little different meaning.

Thanks for your support in '84. Let's give the new editor even better material next year. Go Coogs...Cotton Bowl here we come !! What's the Freedom Bowl ? Merry Christmas !!

ANNUAL IDXS BANQUET (Info courtesy of K5DX) As agreed at the meeting, this year's banquet will be held after the Christmas rush on Saturday, January 14, 1985. Sharp has arranged the affair at the Steak and Ale on the Gulf Freeway at Woodridge. This event is for full and associate TDXS members and their wives and/or girlfriends only. Cocktails will be available from a cash bar at 7:30 p.m. with dinner at 8 p.m. The dinner menu will include your choice of three entrees (two steaks and a steak/chicken combo) so there should be something for everyone's palate. Dinner includes a trip to the salad bar, potato or rice pilaf, bread, and beverage. There will be prizes, presentations, and good fun (including the BOOBY prize). Mark your calendar now, and RSVP your attendance to the club Secretary before January 12 on the enclosed form. Price per person is \$14.95, tax and gratuity included.

CONTEST REPORT (de K2TNO) At last, my final contest report! Now you won't have ol' Tuna Nose to kick around anymore...or will you? This report centers heavily on ARRL sweepstakes, but please see the end of this for details on other activities. Hope you all have had as much fun contesting this year as I have.

ARRL SWEEPSTAKES (de K2TNO) We pulled out all the stops this year to try for a really impressive showing, and I think the results below show we succeeded. Participation was excellent, and we should have nearly 50 logs submitted. As usual, the combination of good ops and plenty of educated aluminum was what made the difference. Now the hard part of the contest takes place getting the log duped and submitted. DEADLINE FOR BOTH CW AND SSB IS A DECEMBER 18TH POSTMARK. Include your dupe sheet for over 200 QSO's.

Below are the club stations I was aware of at press time. The first list ranks the top ten scores on each mode. Several scores are identical before duping, so the final order will no doubt change. These scores are really outstanding - even our tenth place finishers would have won numerous sections.

ACTIVE TDXS STATIONS IN SS

CW				SSB			
RANK	CALL	SCORE	COMMENTS	RANK	CALL	SCORE	COMMENTS
1	N5JJ	163.9		1	K5LZO	242.8	
2	K5GN	162.2		2	N5DU	239.7	
3	K5LZO	159.7		3	NR5M	231.5	
4	K5GA	155.4		4	KZ5M	203.5	
5	N5DU	151.1		5	K5RVK	195.3	+W5ASP, K5M
6	NASR	150.6		6	KB5FU	191.1	
7	NR5M	148.3	NM5M opr	7	K65U	179.1	
8	KZ5M	140.7	+K5VWW	8	KC5CP	179.1	
9	K2TNO	125.7		9	N5JJ	173.0	+NM5M
10	KN5H	124.2	at KD5SP	10	K5VWW	173.0	+K5GN
	N5EA				K2TNO		+KA5PJG
	K5WA				N5EA		
	KC5CP				K5GB		
	K65U				KC5M		
	K5DX				W5LLU		
	W5HNS				K5WA		
	W5ASP				KD5SP		
	K5TU				K5BZU		
	W5SG				NASR		KN5H opr
					K5DX		
					KE5IV		
					KE5FI		
					W5JWM		
					K5YCP		
					W5DOZ		
					N5DC		

Please check over the list above to see that I have a record of your participation. If you were on and are not listed, please notify K2TNO by telephone AT ONCE at 665-6298. We want to hve all the scores we can, without going over the 50 log limit for medium club category.

Deadline for logs is fast approaching; please don't let the club down by failing to submit your score! We have an excellent shot at the top spot and if everyone submits logs, we should also win the beer bet with the North Texas Contest Club.

Thanks to all who participated. The club clearly made an outstanding effort, in a year when the low bands predominated. There were numerous comments from elsewhere about the tremendous level of activity out of STX. Keep your fingers crossed about winning that gavel!

INTRA-CLUB COMPETITION (de K2TNO) As in the past, we chose up teams to see who could be the best judge of horse flesh within the club. Team captains were K2TNO, K5WA, N5DU and NM5M. Listed below are their teams with the scores for each. Also below are the "wild card" stations not expected to be on who surprised us all! The winning team was K5WA's bunch.

TEAM	NO. LOGS	CW SCORE	SSB SCORE	TOTAL
K5WA	11	621,504	886,002	1,507,506
NMSM	12	510,904	808,996	1,319,900
N5DU	11	682,668	747,372	1,430,040
K2TNO	10	284,584	798,752	1,083,336
Wild Cards	4	70,374	120,206	190,580
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Grand Total....				5,465,362

Phone Winner: K5LZO (242,868)
 CW Winner: N5JJ (163,984)

Some notes on the team scores below:

1. Multiop stations had their score equally divided among the various club members.
2. These are claimed scores, before dupes.
3. Some scores were missing at press time for the 'BULLSHEET'.
4. Some scores were down due to either equipment or operator problems:
 - a) K2TNO (CW) had the rig go kaput with seven hours to go. (I learned a hard lesson about back-up rigs from that experience. -Tuna)
 - b) N5JJ (SSB) was ill Saturday night and off the air until Sunday morning when NMSM helped out.

NMSM'S TEAM

OPR		CW			SSB				
CALL	STN CALL	QSO'S	MULTI	SCORE	STN CALL	QSO'S	MULTI	SCORE	
NMSM	NR5M	1016	73	148,336	1/2 N5JJ	585	74	86,506	
K5GN	K5GN	1096	74	162,208	1/2 K5VWW	585	74	86,506	
K65U	K65U	810	73	118,260	K65U	1210	74	179,080	
K5DX	K5DX	225	58	26,100	K5DX	700	70	98,000	
K5RVK					1/3 K5RVK	440	74	65,120	
K5IV					K5IV	1158	74	171,384	
K5FI					K5FI	850	72	122,400	
WSHNS	WSHNS	400	70	56,000					
WA5ZVE									
				=====					=====
TOTAL = 1,319,900				510,904					808,996

N5DU'S TEAM

OPR CALL	STN CALL	QSO'S	MULTI	SCORE	STN CALL	QSO'S	MULTI	SCORE
N5DU	N5DU	1021	74	151,108	N5DU	1620	74	239,760
K5LZO	K5LZO	1079	74	159,692	K5LZO	1641	74	242,868
KNSH	KNSH	851	73	124,246	NA5R	1078	74	159,544
W5ASP	W5ASP	729	74	107,892	1/3 K5RVK	440	74	65,120
NM5L								
W5JWM					W5JWM	334	60	40,080
W5SG	W5SG	???	??	66,000				
K5TU	K5TU	505	73	73,730				
NSWW								
				=====				
TOTAL = 1,430,040				682,668	747,372			

K2TND'S TEAM

K2TND	K2TND	861	73	123,706	K2TND	1148	74	169,904
KZ5M	KZ5M	476	74	70,374	KZ5M	1375	74	203,500
N5EA	N5EA	598	74	88,504	N5EA	600	72	86,400
KNSA	KN5A							
K5GB					K5GB	414	68	56,304
KB5FU					KB5FU	1309	73	191,114
KCSM					1/3 K5RVK	440	74	65,120
KCSM					KCSM	205	61	25,010
AA5Y								
W5LLU					W5LLU	50	14	1,400
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TOTAL = 1,083,336				284,584	798,752			

K5WA'S TEAM

K5WA	K5WA	766	73	111,836	K5WA	913	74	135,124
NSJJ	NSJJ	1108	74	163,984	1/2 NSJJ	584	74	86,506
K5GA	K5GA	1050	74	155,400				
NR5M	KN5A				NR5M	1564	74	231,472
KC5CP	KC5CP	283	70	39,620	KC5CP	1210	74	179,080
KD5SP					KD5SP	1023	74	151,404
K5BZU					K5BZU	692	74	102,416
AC5K								
NA5R	NA5R	1018	74	150,664				
				=====				
TOTAL = 1,507,506				621,504	886,002			

WILD CARDS

K5YCP					K5YCP	112	58	12,992
W5DQZ					W5DQZ	167	62	20,708
K5VWW	KZ5M	475	74	70,374	1/2 K5VWW	584	74	86,506
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TOTAL = 190,580				70,374	120,206			

ARRL FIELD DAY (de K2TND) Ho-hum...We did it again, winning Class 3A by a margin of over 1500 points. You had to go all the way to Class 6A to find a score that beat us! Hats off to Bob King, KSIY, who ramrodded the outfit, and special kudos to Bob Evans, N5DU, who got the antenna scene together. It seems there's "no contest" when we go out to win this one in 3A.

Maybe next year we ought to cook up a different approach entirely that would be a new challenge but still be a club effort. Ideas for this are hereby solicited by the 1985 officers.

CQWW 160 M CW CONTEST (de K2TND) Results are out in December Cq. Only two TDXS entries, both multiops...KZ5M and co. edged out NA5R's crew. The 1985 contest will probably draw more of a crowd.

RUMORS FROM CQWW CW (de K2TND) Three operations put TDXS on the map again this year in the annual post-Thanksgiving Work the Turkeys DX confab. Dave, N5JJ, drove out to Hempstead and put NR5M's new 40 meter 'tennas through their paces to the tune of a demolishing score (about 1050 QSO's, 37 zones, and 105 countries). Should stand up for tops W/VE, if not the universe.

The Tower Brothers, Grady and Tom, put K5RC on to try out the new six-over-six 15 M stack and four-over-four 40 M stack among others. Armed with the gang of ops who've been sweltering out there in Manvel all summer, the bunch blasted out 2000 QSO's on all bands for I-forget-how-many zones/countries (pick your own extremely high number!). Should be tops W/VE in multi-single.

Chuck, K5LZ0, also got out the assistants to give his new 15 M 6 element yagi a tryout, along with an 80 M rotatable dipole. The crew put together about 1600 QSO's on all bands multi-single. Biggest news from the funny farm is that Dewey the deer has finally grown up, and has been released to the wild. 73 Dewey - Contesting will never be the same without you poking into the operating room.

