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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 June 8, 1984 at the Bellaire Hospital Professional Building, 6550 Mapleridge.

ARMADILLO RUN '84 (de KZ5M) We are off and running on Armadillo Run '84 planning. This year will see the TDXS Armadillos roaming all over the states of Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas. Already we are in good shape for primary stations. As you remember from last year, these are the troops responsible for specific county coverage.

We could use more roamers. These are the cars that are assigned a general area of coverage to roam about in as they please. They check in regularly with the control station so we can dispatch them to take over in the event there is a primary station breakdown.

Both types of activities have their own individual features and benefits but in both cases, the pile-ups are great! All of us that went last year still remember the grand time with those big pile-ups. The county hunters got a big boost from our activity and I am sure many will be back in there again this year, tracking us along our routes.

The trips we make this year are going to be particularly enjoyable because many of you will be going into areas you've never been into before. And with that, of course, comes new problems to solve (more trees; more hills to block signals; mean cops; swamp creatures; foreign languages to translate, etc.).

Crash King, K5IY, promises air coverage again, weather permitting. We feel that his effectiveness will be even better than last year, and all Armadillos should be able to maintain frequent schedules with our ACE in the air. Bob, NM5L, is giving up his co-pilot seat in favor of an operator slot with Frank, KC5M.

I hear the proven team of K2TNO and K5GN will again be out there handing out the Q's by the hundreds. Eric, NM5M, has luckily drawn, for the second time, a berth aboard the W5SJS Roamer Deluxe. (Hilton on wheels - .ed) Orville, K5VWW will pick up where Jan, K5MA left off and escort Kim, K5TU, across the county lines. They are taking the far east side of Mississippi so they'll be leaving friendly territory early to be in position early for the start of the contest.

Dale, KG5U and ? will enter a new vehicle in the primary ranks and catch a bunch of Arkansas. Another new guy, WA5ZVE, John, will be looking for help to get his car "on the air" to cover his primary responsibilities. N5JJ, Dave,

will be out and at 'em if he is back up to speed by then. Several other members are assigned areas to cover or will be soon.

Both members and non-members are invited to join us. Please let me know soon if you are interested and we'll get you signed up for some turf to cover. Next Armadillo Run meeting will be over Field Day weekend on Saturday p.m. The final meeting will be in the last week of July before the Run (date T.B.A). Pick a buddy and join us on one of the more enjoyable and satisfying TDXS activities. Also, it'll put another of the highly prized patches on your vest.

DX AND QSL INFO (de KC5M) Route your D68GA cards via N6ZV, Don Jones and FHØGA answers via the call book address. In spite of what you have heard, this works better than via FMØGA. Don was very active on CW and SSB October thru December, 1983.

ZK1XL QSLs via K6OZL. Ron completed six weeks on North Cook Is. He is reported to have picked up all QSLs sent to ZK1CG and will finish the QSL chores. If you have QSL'd via ZK1CG, you will probably be ok. However, just in case, after a reasonable period you might want to re-QSL via his home call, K6OZL.

NEW COUNTRY ? (de KC5M) An application for separate country status for the British base areas of the Island of Cyprus (ZC4) has been submitted to the ARRL DXAC. Who knows !?

KERMADEC (de KC5M) ZL8AFH continues to be very active on 28,519 KHz. If you missed the recent dx-pedition, you can still get this one.

SCUTTLEBUTT - (de hon. ed. K5TU) A few rumours whispered about indicate new accomplishments for members KB5FU and K5BZU; 5 BAND DXCC !! WA5PQK has found the formula for making steel grow up in Hempstead...Crash King was stretching his wings out that way and found our resident tower monkey, N5DU, bolting the aluminum to the tower... Spring rains have helped the tower height at NA5R, too...several TDXSers are committing weekend time to getting those towers up...Congrats to KG5U for a new position and promotion at the Space Center...KC5M has prepared his Armadillo Run vehicle by shorting everything to everything with #10 AWG wire !?...N5DU is apparently out for blood in the fall contest season with new tower construction at N5AF's place in Cleveland. Two large towers with rotaries for 80-10 meters are keeping Bob busy...The 'LZO funny farm has two new additions; a couple of fawns, one appropriately named Eric since he arrived during WPX-CW...NM5M's multi-multi effort at the farm grossed an estimated record smashing 4.8 million points during WPX-CW courtesy of ops K2TNO, NM5L, N5AF, K5LZO, KE5IV, W5ASP, and hon. ed. K5TU...Our yankee spies K5MA and K5NA have unloaded their wallets on real estate. Richard bought the 25 acres adjacent to his house for tower work, while Jan has a contract on a house and some land on top of a hill in W. Falmouth. What do you wanna to bet the skyline on Cape Cod includes a TH6DXX soon??!

FCC EXAM SCHEDULE - With the new volunteer examiner program getting under way, the FCC has reduced its amateur exam schedule in Houston to once each quarter. Exams are administered by appointment only. July 15 is the application deadline for the exams given August 6-10 and October 15 is the deadline for the November 5-9 exams. Unplug those code readers and upgrade!

FIELD DAY '84 - This year's Field Day will be June 23-24 and held just north of Hempstead, TX at WA5PQK's ranch. Field Day Chairman K5IY has a team of specialists for this year's 3A effort:

Station Captains - K2TNO
 NM5M
 KD5SP

Novice Station - K5LZO

Generators - N5DC
VHF/UHF - KE5IV
Antennas - N5JJ & N5DU

Bob advises there is a shortage of rotors. The '84 Field Day team and other interested individuals will meet Monday, June 4, at K5IY's house to iron out the final details. Maps to the site were not available at presstime, but will be available at the June 8 meeting.

BUDDING CONTESTERS - Chuck 'Squirt' Coleman, KA5SBS, ran away with first place honors in the Novice Round-up. K5GB's son Jody, KA5QAA/T, landed second place in the technician category. Looks like th TDXS is a good training ground! Congratulations !