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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

FIELD DAY 1985 - Just a reminder that your club sponsored field day activity this year will take place June 21st - 23rd at the Demney site north of Houston. A detailed description of the Club's FD plan was printed in last month's issue and last minute info and map are included in this issue. Field Day participation is not limited to members of TDXS. Prospective members and other interested amateurs in the area are encouraged to contact either NR5M (George - 872-7200 day; 840-8350 evening) or N5JJ (Dave - 520-7300 day; 721-7920 evening) for further details.

JUNE MEETING PROGRAM - The June meeting will feature a program by John, W5AB, in which he will discuss his operations from Indonesia and other nearby exotic lands.

SILENT KEY - The Bullsheet notes with regret to the passing Don C. Wallace, W6AM, the "Dean" of the DXCC Honor Roll. Described by Lloyd Colvin, a director of YASME, as "the Number 1 man" of ham radio, Don Wallace will be missed.

WEEKLY DX & CONTEST NET - Just a reminder that each Tuesday night at 9:00 P.M. the Club sponsors a net on 147.96/.36. Participation by non-members as well as members is welcomed. The purpose of the net is to facilitate the exchange of DX, contest, and Club information within the amateur community. Your active support of this activity is encouraged.

BULLSHEET MAILING LIST - It is the club's desire to provide the Bullsheet free for all amateurs in the area with an interest in DXing and/or contesting. If you would like to receive our newsletter, simply send your name, call, and mailing address to Texas DX Society, P.O. Box 540291, Houston, Texas, 77254-0291. Visitors at the regular club meeting can request the monthly newsletter by providing their mailing address on the sign-in sheet. Articles or other newsworthy items from club members and other interested amateurs are hereby solicited by your editor.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER (de K2TNO)

I hope you are all contested out now, and ready for an "operating exercise." Good, 'cause that's what Field Day is, folks - an "exercise." So why not come out and find out why it's called "exercise" - show up on Friday for the start of the erection phase! We hope everyone will enjoy the CW vs SSB group concept. I know I'm looking forward to it. Hey, all you busy types out there: how 'bout showing up to operate even if you're late? The teams get bonus points for throw-down ops.

Late word from the North Texas Contest Club - they've agreed to come down for the AUGUST MEETING. Several carloads of NTCC guys may show, so this should be a great confab and a lot of fun. So, mark down the August meeting NOW on your calendar - they'll show us pix of their stations and we'll get to meet the QRM at last in eyeball QSO fashion. By the way, any of you Big Guns: any interest in arranging a guided tour or Saturday visitation to your QTH? Let me know if that idea strikes a respondent chord.

That's it; George is sitting here waiting for the text! See ya at Field Day. Let's get one for the Zipper!, or, Gipper!

DX REPORT (de KC5CP)

- UK SOVEREIGN BASES These cards are now good for DXCC credit and a lot of us in Houston NEED IT. Please put any activity out on the repeater when heard! ZC4RB on 7012 from 0030Z and 7014 at 0100Z. ZC4AB in lists on 14227 or 14244 most days from 2100Z. ZC4WW on 14017 at 2140Z.
- ASCENSION ISLAND ZD8JP is active on 21237 at 1700Z.
- CHAGOS ISLAND VQ9FS on 14198 at 2000 Z.
- FAROE ISLAND OY/OZ5DL & OY/OZ5UR from June 3 to 14. CW Operation mainly 3510, 7005, 14030, and 21015. RTTY on 14090 & 21090. SSB on 3645, 7045, 7070, 14210 and 21210.
- FRANZ JOSEPH ISLAND UW3HY on 14029 at 1200Z. UTIOT on 14180 about 1200Z.
- LIBERIA EL2AL is active Monday, Wednesday, and Friday on 21275 at 1600Z or 14275 same time.
- MALASIA 9M2DC and 9M8EN each Friday on 14220 at 1600Z.
- MALI TZ6FE is on 14188 from 0030Z. TZ6FS on 14155 at 1930Z.
- RODRIGUES ISLAND 3B9CD on 7004 at 1230Z.
- RWANDA 9X5WP and K4FA regularly meet on 21270 or 14163 daily at 1830Z. At 2030Z he moves to 14270.

SABLE ISLAND VE1CBK is scheduled to make another trip to the island in early June. 20-80M SSB.

SVALBARD ISLAND JW0EQ is active on 14005 at 0000Z.

TURKEY TA1A on 14025 at 2300Z, TA1C on 7022 at 0100Z, and TA1D on 14027 at 0130 Z.

TUVALU ISLAND T2AEV on 28522 at 0245Z.

UN - VIENNA 4UIVIC on 14227 W7PHO Family hour. This maybe good for a new country soon!

ZIMBABWE Z21GN is active daily on 21320 at 1530Z.

PROPAGATION Best HF possibilities June 3-11, 27-30. July 1-3, 5-8, 10, 15, 16, 25, 26 and 28. Thanks to N4XX.

Thanks to QRZ DX, DX Report, Long Island DX Bulletin, & WIAW.

CONTEST CORRAL (de K5LZO)

CLAIMED SCORES AND RUMORS

<u>CALL</u>	<u>CAT</u>	<u>QSO/MULT</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
NM5M	M/M	2761/673	4.4 MIL
NA5R	M/S	2050/620	?
NR5M (N5JJ op)	S/AB	1650/550	2.3 MIL
N5RZ	S/40	???	1.4 MIL

CONTEST RESULTS

ARRL VHF SWEEPSTAKES

Barbara, WB5RUS, finished 1st (single op-all band) in South Texas. Congratulations!

NOVICE ROUNDUP

Kenny, KA5UPB/T finished 1st in South Texas and 6th Nationally in this year's NR. Congratulations on a fine effort.

1984 CAN-AM CONTEST

Belated congratulations to Joe, W5ASP, for his 7th place finish in the '84 Can-Am (single op-CW).

ARRL 10-METER CONTEST

Condolences to Chuck, KE5FI, operating NA5R who turned in an excellent effort single-op phone only in last December's test only to be outdone by the VZL operating out of N5AU. Chuck amassed 240,000 points for a second place finish. The standings in the multi-op category was dominated by TDXS stations:

<u>Station</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Points</u>
NR5M (+N5JJ and KE5IV)	1st	394,752
K5LZO (+KA5SBS and WB5RUS)	2nd	226,780
K5RVK (+ W5ASP and ?)	6th	136,364

Congratulations to all those TDXSers who didn't give up on 10!

73 MAG WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The unaudited results of January's contests show KE5IV taking 4th Nationally in the 40 SSB test. In the 20 test, K5LZO placed 1st nationally multi-op and NR5M placed 1st nationally single-op. Way to go, guys!

CQ WW DX SSB

Publication of the High-Claimed Scores shows NA5R operated by K5GN placing 14th nationally (S/AB) with 1,489,176 points, NR5M placing 21st nationally (S/AB) with 1,097,400 points, and N5DU placing 26th nationally (S/AB) with 891,540 points. K5LZO placed 6th nationally (M/M) with 1,876,476 points.

CQ WW DX CW

Congratulations to Dave, N5JJ, for his 1st place finish (S/40 only) with 424,853 points. The K5RC bunch finished 1st (M/S) with 3,234,540 points and K5LZO's crew placed 6th (M/S) with 2,036,208 points. Fine effort guys.

FROM THE TRENCHES (OR UNDER)

Field Day is not a contest! Like hell it isn't. The first FD I ever participated in was in 1958 with the Houston Amateur Radio Club, W5DPA. We, or should I say they, set up in Memorial Park stringing dipoles between the light standards. The low band radios were set up in some type of communications van that you had to jump up on to avoid getting a 120 volt shock. I learned that the hard way. The six meter guys you never saw - they set up in a tent and never came out. CW ops were hard to find even then, so K5BCZ (now K5GB) and I got the call. I made only one other FD with W5DPA.

Smithville came next for me. Butch (K5GB), another fellow, and I went 1A from the hospital. The owner was a ham and catered the thing from the hospital kitchen to the tent. That was a real rough "non-contest." We "won" that year (I think).

My Dad, W5VQ, got transferred to New Jersey where I met Rich (K20JD now K2RW). He talked me into helping his group set up and operate FD. We built a 35 foot tower out of wood for the tri-bander. If you think putting up towers and antennas is tough, just try building and putting them up. Of course I was only about 18 or 19 then. We used things like DX100s and SX101s (actually a good receiver back then). VHF was big up there. We were on a 200 foot hill with a straight shot toward NYC which gave us lots of 2 meter AM contacts using our Gonset Communicator IV. I don't remember how we did in that "non-contest."

I didn't do much FD work after that until I got involved with TDXS. That's when I found how competitive the "Exercise" could be. Rich (K5NA) and Wes (N5WW) were the driving forces back then. Alex (W4SUHT) and Sammy (N5AF) were also quite active. David (W4ZNY-now N5JJ) wasn't old enough to drive, so I picked him up and allowed him to sleep with me in my van on one of the field days. Now for some reason he won't sleep in a motor home with anyone. (Ed. Note: After sleeping with Chuck everything else is anticlimatic.)

Its been a lot of fun the past few years but setting up is a lot of work. I'll be there again this year, but the willing mind no longer has a devoted body. I for one will appreciate your special effort to help out this year. Besides, it'll give you a chance to participate in a real live "non-contest."

73 Chuck K5LZO

SQUELCH TALE (de NR5M)

Browsing through the back issues of the Bullsheet I was struck by the fact that many of the current topics of hot debate are really not new at all. As you can see from the first ever Bullsheet (I have included page one from the original 'sheet' in this issue for your perusal), the 1975 club FD effort netted First Place in 3A. (Sound familiar 1984 vets?). And even way back in 1977 QST was slighting TDXS causing the then editor of this journal to exclaim "DOES YOUR LEAGUE HAVE IT IN FOR THE TDXS?!" Seems they failed to even mention the fact that the TDXS 1977 FD point total for 3A failed to exceed only the 8A and 16A category winners. The "piece de resistance" however, was when I discovered the following in the June 1978 Bullsheet:

July; 'never again. We're crazy for busting our butts like that.' August; 'hey, we did pretty good again this year, but it was too much work, next year we'll get a beach house and relax...' [Month by month description of the club's changing mood. Finally...] May; '...you know we really can't have FD without a 40 meter beam...with 10 and 6 the way they are we can put in a resonable effort with only 5 or 6 towers...but if we're going to go through that much trouble, we might as well put up one for 40 phone and CW.' June; 'well if we whipped them that bad in 3A last year, we ought to be able to stomp them in 4A. Let's get started on Wednesday this year...'

I guess the more things change, the more they stay the same.

73 George NR5M

KP5 - Thoughts and Memories (de KC5M)

Desecheo for me was a dream which came true. As a very active DX'er, I have often sat in my shack waiting for the first call from a DXpedition only to find that, for some reason, the operation was delayed. Sometimes it required another day of vacation on my part to be there when things finally began to happen. Well, believe me, I now have a much better understanding of a few of the difficulties in activating a reasonably "Rare Country." It was a real thrill to call "CQ" and within a few minutes discover a constant 59+40 meter reading for over 15 KCs of band width. Each station was as loud as the next making it almost impossible to pull out even part of a broken call.

I received my invitation with great anticipation. My part of the preparation was fun and enjoyable. Our "Team" came together and each person played his role very well. For some reason, I felt that we were not actually going to do it. Something in the back of my mind kept telling me that I would believe it only when we actually stepped on the shore of this remote island called Desecheo.

When it finally happened and we were ashore, my heart was beating very rapidly. We were here! I guess I am the only member of the group that was so clumsy as to fall off the boat within a few feet of the shore. However, within a few minutes everyone was soaked as we fought the waves to unload our gear and supplies.

Well, it is all history now. It was thrilling to see our group all working together with friendships reinforced and strongly bonded together by our common goal. What a thrill it was to hear familiar call signs and voices from home and to know the whole world was listening.

Yes, you are right, I am ready to go again! My thanks and sincere appreciation go to anyone and everyone who played a part in this very thrilling and successful adventure.

73 Frank KC5M
Ex-Temporary Resident
of KP5 - Desecheo, 1985

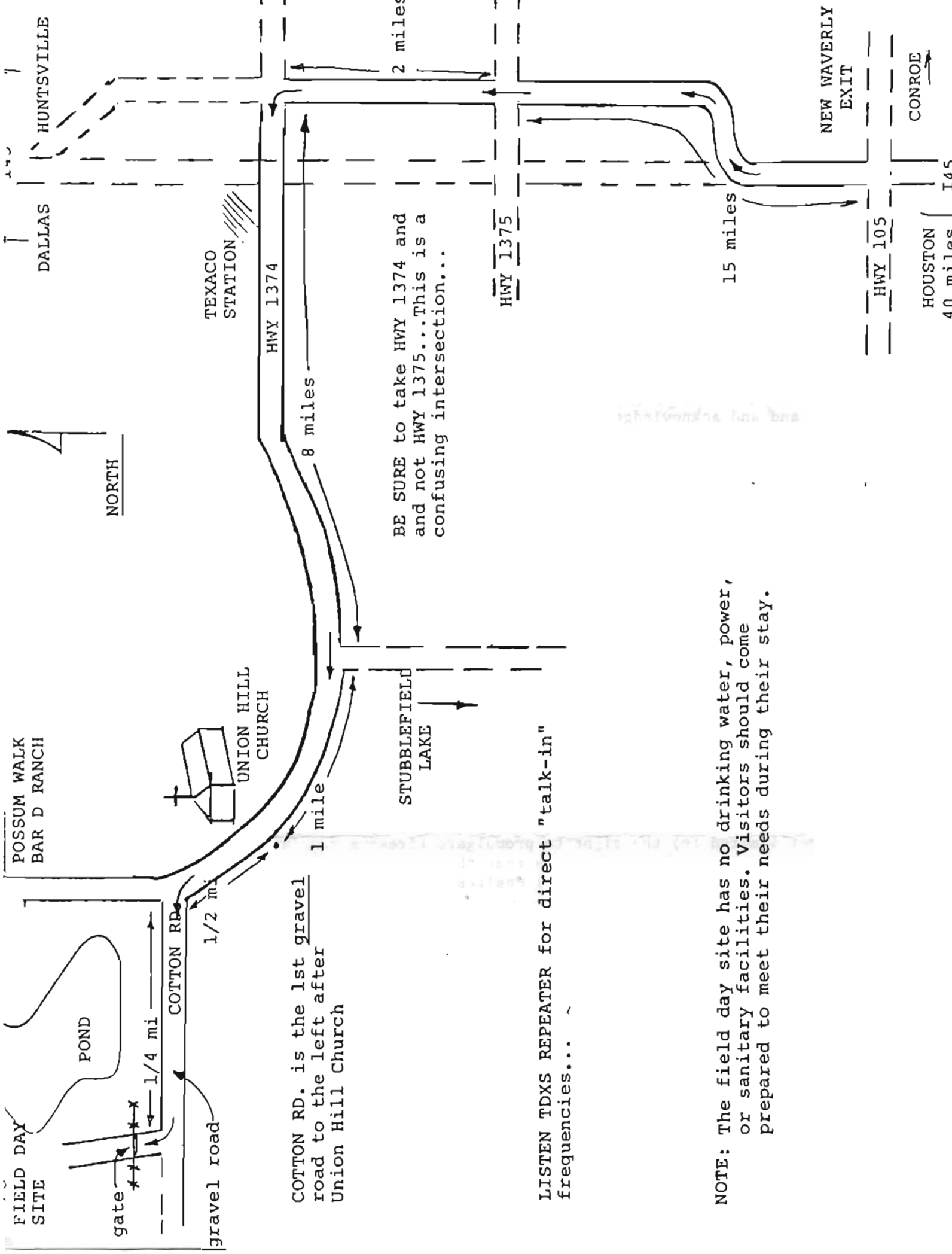
FIELD DAY (de W5ASP)

As announced in last month's BULLSHEET, the 1985 TDXS Field Day will take place June 21-23 at the "Demney Site." The map should get you there. Try the repeater or three-six direct if you get lost. We'll go over the plans again at the June TDXS meeting. Contact me if you have any specific questions.

Since this is a typical TDXS competitive event, winning isn't everything ...IT'S THE ONLY THING! It follows that the losers must suffer an appropriate penalty for their collective ineptness. Surely, YOU are far too good an operator to suffer the following consequences:

1. The Field Day chairman will announce the WINNER within an hour of the end of ARRL Field Day. In the unlikely event of scores so close that trivia such as dupes, etc. become significant, the FDC will designate a WINNER (and apologize later if he is wrong).
2. From that time until the close of the July TDXS Meeting, all members of the losing team will be officially known as LOSERS and will be constantly reminded of this status in all public encounters, especially on the Repeater. Any effort to deny, explain or refute this status will be met with ridicule and scorn by the WINNERS.
3. At the July TDXS Meeting a complete roll call of the LOSERS will be read into the Official Minutes and each LOSER present will be required to stand and acknowledge his shame. Any member of the losing team not present at the July Meeting will have his name listed in the following issue of the Bullsheet under the category "BAD LOSERS."
4. Under the questionable guidance of their fallen Team Leader and Station Captains, the LOSERS will see to it that the WINNERS receive the beverages of their choice as needed during the course of July Meeting. All expenses will be incurred by the LOSERS.
5. The Team Leader, or his designee, will deliver a five minute speech praising his opponents and their demonstrated operating skills. He will include an explanation as to why his "MODE" is inferior and should be avoided by aspiring competition class operators.
6. All members of the WINNERS will be allowed to gloat over their victory and extoll their own virtues without fear of contradiction for period of 30 days following field day.
7. In the likely event that the FDC does not survive the operating activity (the result of mutiny, death, etc.) the esteemed editor of the Bullsheet or his designee shall immediately be conferred all the rights, title, and interest of his vacated office. This right expressly includes (but is not limited to) the right to promulgate tiresome regulations the sole purpose of which is to assure that the outcome of the competition is consistent with the whimsical desires of the office holder.

That's it..U'ALL COME AND JOIN THE FUN!



NORTH

POSSUM WALK
BAR D RANCH

FIELD DAY
SITE

DALLAS
HUNTSVILLE

TEXACO
STATION

HWY 1374

COTTON RD. is the 1st gravel
road to the left after
Union Hill Church

UNION HILL
CHURCH

STUBBLEFIELD
LAKE

BE SURE to take HWY 1374 and
and not HWY 1375... This is a
confusing intersection...

HWY 1375

LISTEN TDXS REPEATER for direct "talk-in"
frequencies...

NOTE: The field day site has no drinking water, power,
or sanitary facilities. Visitors should come
prepared to meet their needs during their stay.

NEW WAVERLY
EXIT

HWY 105

HOUSTON
40 miles

CONROE

8 miles

1 mile

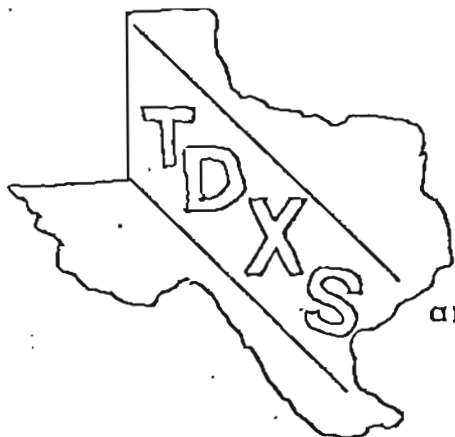
1/2 mi

1/4 mi

15 miles

2 miles

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IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD, all the hard work and months of planning paid off in the 1975 Field Day effort. The TDXS took the FIRST PLACE award in the 3A category. K5RLW and crew assembled a really super effort to make it all possible. The extra effort in the CW segments proved to be the advantage in the total score.

CW SS LOOKS LIKE A TRIUMPH. South Texas was favored with the best band conditions for CW SS. Three TDXS members made over 1000 QSO'S. WA5LES broke the existing CW SS record with 1200+ QSO'S. K5PFL took an unofficial fifth place with just over 1100 QSO'S while the multi-single effort of K5LZO/WB8FUO should make top multi-op effort in the country. Our member to the east, W5WMU, totalled out with just over 1K QSO'S, but Pat's score doesn't count in the club total for ARRL credit. High claimed scores...

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| 1. W7RM | 6. WB5DTX |
| 2. WA0CVS | 7. W6RR |
| 3. W6HX | 8. WB4AEX |
| 4. W5MYA | 9. WA5RTG |
| 5. WA7NIN | 10. K5PFL** |

(**=TDXS members)

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| 1. WA5LES** | 6. W6RTT |
| 2. KP4EAJ | 7. K4GSU |
| 3. K4PUZ | 8. WB4AEX |
| 4. W7RM | 9. W6HX |
| 5. K5PFL** | 10. WA7NIN |

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| 12. WA5LES** |
| 20. W5WMU** |

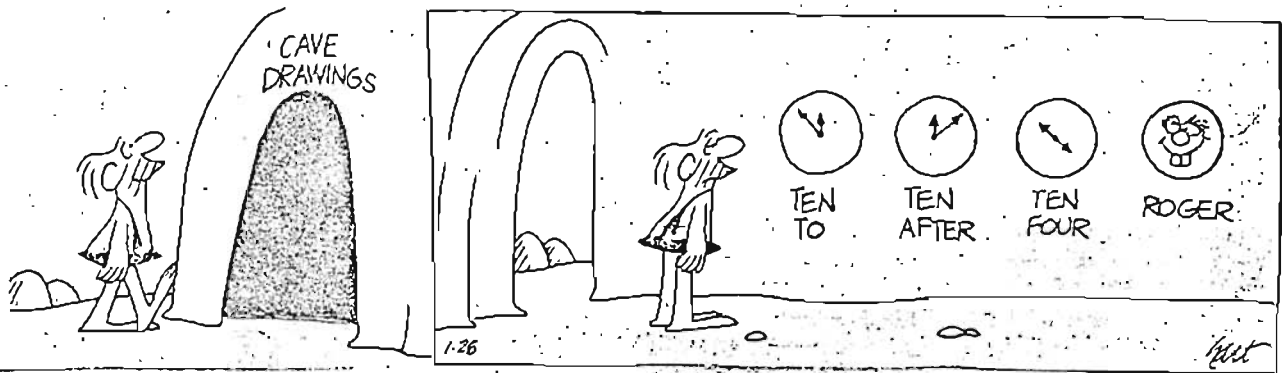
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| 17. W5WMU** |
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A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL at the TDXS Annual Banquet held at the Continental Steak House in Pasadena. Fifty-three TDXS members and guests attended, including W6RTT and WA5RXT(from RWK). The 1976 officers of the TDXS were announced. WA5LES resumes another term as President, K5LZO now assumes the duties as Vice-President, K5PFL accepted another term as Secretary/Treasurer, while WB5IFY continues his duties as meeting chairman for another year. W5SBX will keep the TDXS contesters informed as contest chairman, and the position of Field Day chairman is currently vacant, but will be announced soon.

THE NEXT TDXS MEETING will be at the Howard Johnson's on the Gulf Freeway (I.H. 45 South) on Friday, February 13th at 7:30 p.m. Chairman WB5IFY reports that we are still searching for possible meeting sites, as we are quickly outgrowing HO JO'S... To be discussed at the meeting. The following meeting will be April 9th, place T.B.A.

SIDEBANDER'S GUIDE TO BETTER DX

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UTC	FREQUENCY	NAME	DAYS OPERATING
0430-0500	21,203	ANZA NET	DAILY
1100	21,155	DK9KE DX NET	DAILY
1800	21,285	PARADISE ISLAND NET, VP2MO	DAILY
1830	21,292	AFRICAN SAFARI NET	MO-FRI
2000	21,292	PACIFIC DX NET	FRI AND SAT
1500	21,335	SNOOKY'S NET KAIDE	DAILY
1600	21,355	AFRIKAANER NET	1 SEPT-EASTER DAILY
1700	21,390	INTERCONTINENTAL TRAFIC NET	DAILY
0400 AND 2330	14,236	INT'L DX ASSOCIATION	DAILY EXC WED
0500 OR 0600	14,220	220 NET, JIM SMITH VK9NS	DAILY, BEST SAT
4000(SUN 1200)	14,223	RARE DX NET, JY3ZH	MOSTLY DAILY
1400 AND 2300	14,227	W7PHO FAMILY HOUR	DAILY
2200 OR 2300	21,345	W7PHO FAMILY HOUR	DAILY
0200 OR 0300	14,309	BROWN SUGAR NET	DAILY
1200	14,332	INT'L YL SSB SYSTEM	DAILY
0900	14,302	VK NET	
2200	14,178	PACIFIC GROUP FAR EAST DX NET	
0400 APPROX	7,045	RARE RUSSIAN DX	FRI, SAT AND SUN
7777	21,404	PACIFIC MARITIME NET	
0600	14,315	INTER ISLAND PACIFIC NET	
0300 OR 0400	14,250	ARABIAN KNIGHTS NET	THURS AND FRI
0900	14,345	PACIFIC DX NET, KX6PO	SUNDAYS
0900	14,257	P-23 NET	SUNDAYS
1700 APPROX	14,175	ROUND TABLE DX NET	
1700	14,292	ALASKA PACIFIC NET	
0100	14,305	HAWAIIAN COCKTAIL NET	
1100	14,302	INT'L ASSISTANCE AND TRAFFIC	DAILY
1100	14,283	FRIENDLY CARRIBEAN CONNECTION	DAILY
0200	3,787	GULF COAST DX NET	DAILY
1600	14,287	INT'L HANDICAPPERS NET	
2200	14,313	MARITIME MOBILE NET	DAILY
1200	14,320	SEA NET	DAILY
0700	7,085	ZL DX NET, ZL2AAG	SUN-THURS
0000-0200	14,243	DX NET	DAILY

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