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Announcements

Meeting Notice - The Texas DX Society meets on the second Friday of each month, except when the date is changed by the Board of Directors. This month the July meeting will take place on Friday, July 14 at St. Johns School, at the corner of Claremont and Westheimer Roads. Claremont is the name of Buffalo Speedway after it crosses north of Westheimer. There is a parking lot entrance just north of Westheimer; park and enter the school building. The meeting will take place in the auditorium/lecture hall.

Program - Walter, WD5GAZ, will present a talk on the intricacies of Packet Radio. Maybe HE can explain what all those parameters are for, and what goes wrong sometimes with our DX Cluster.

Weekly DX and Contest net - Each Tuesday night at 9:00 local time the TDXS sponsors a net on 147.96/36 MHz. Participation by non-members as well as members is encouraged for the exchange of information of interest to DXers and contesters. The TDXS Packet Cluster DX bulletin board in Hempstead is up and running on 144.95 MHz using the call K5DX. There is a digipeater north of Houston (ALD) for use with this cluster. This is the AK1A system; use AX25 Level 2 protocol (see article in the June issue of the 'Sheet for updated parameters). Also, a recent addition of another tnc now puts a second routing up and running: K5DX-6 is on 144.91, and Kenny has a beam pointed at Houston on that frequency. It is linked into the same computer, so it is simply an alternate path. But with the beam many of us can hit that one direct, which is much faster! There are a couple of stations acting as digis on the new frequency, not run by TDXS. Usually the cluster is linked into both Dallas and Austin for additional DX coverage. Frequently there are five or six nodes and as many as sixty stations linked up at nights.

ClubPub

(de Bill, K2TNO)

I have not yet received back a single calendar sheet with any updated contest info on it. Please take some time to help me on this if you like the feature. I will NOT do it myself and will discontinue the feature shortly if the readership doesn't help out soon. Bring your stuff to the meeting or send to me.

Field Day awash In Good Times

The club went class 23A battery at the W5SJS site in Brenham. See the article inside by N5RP for details. We received an unbelievable number of "WOW!" responses to our class from other stations.

News from the multitudes

Kim, K5TU sez in ltr to 'TNO that he'll be in W5 for a vacation trip with family around meeting time, for about a month.

Kenny, NZ5I (also DJ0SI) may return from Compaq duties in DL by end of year. 9V QTH next is possible...

Tom, K5RC will become NCJ editor shortly. Congrats and tnx to you from the contest crowd, om. Also, special tnx to **Randy, K5ZD**, for his outstanding efforts. He sure helped put contesting on the ARRL map by negotiating the NCJ takeover of the League (or was it the other way around?--ed.)

DX Roundup

(de Bob, AK5B)

Stations/Countries To Look For In June:

Bear Island JW: July 14-20 by two LA's

Wallis Island FW: July 6-13, then

Fiji 3D on July 13-20 all by four YL hams from USA. QSL via VE7YL. (Why the VE manager? Could it be the IRC's?)

Sable Island CY0 August 6-13 - Bob, W5KNE and crew are off again to those northern islands. This will be the same crew that put on St. Paul last year.

Rotuma 3D2XV: Now until about August 8 by Bing, VK2BCH. Listen 10 meter SSB just below 28.5.

Liberia 6Z: Special prefix for the month of July. QSL to K5HUT

Yemen 7O: July 18-23 - Look for I1BRJ/7O (you never know!)

Dates to Remember:

July 8-9: Iaru HF Championship

July 15-16 CQWW WPX VHF Contest

August 26-27 All Asian CW Contest

Contest Corral

(de Dennis, KZ5M)

As we slide into that post-Field Day dry out portion of summer, we begin that less stressful time in a contesters life. It's now time to challenge the mosquitoes for control of the backyard and start some of the long awaited antenna work. Go get that element back out of your neighbor's tree. Be a big guy - cut off the remaining portion of your rotor cable and give it to the rabbits and mice to finish off. Scrap that coax - no, the piece in your Lawn Boy will not splice back as nicely.

This segment of the year is also a great time to step back in your ham radio careers to the "Good Old Days". Remember when you used to get home from school Friday, stuff a sandwich in your face and run to the rig? You'd flick the toggle switch on the ol' Globe Chief and turn the power/volume knob on the HQ-110. That brand new general ticket was displayed proudly in front of you on the wall (well, anyway maybe a garage 2x4 stud). You were excited, for just by accident a month or so back you had tried your 7.035 crystal on 20 meters. After loading up, you discovered that 14.070 was a hornets nest of activity. Tune either side of that frequency and everything sounded normal. You scratched your head (that dumb cat of your sister's always slept on the top the rig to keep its fleas warm) and listened in for awhile.

It seemed like everyone you heard on 14.070 was from New York! One guy was dead on your crystal frequency so you called him at your top speed (15 wpm) to see what was happening. He didn't wait for you the first few times but after 4 hours he finally slowed down probably to see if you were some sort of a bad joke or something. The guy fired a bunch of numbers, names and other stuff at you that made no

sense. Matter of fact, I'll bet you thought you didn't copy it correctly. So, when it was your turn you did the logical thing and gave him RST, name and QTH. I'm sure what followed caused the other guy as much gas as it has you over the last several years. With luck the feller was patient and took time (in your case, lots of time) to explain that he was in the NY QSO Party and that when he asked for your number he didn't mean your homeroom number.

I'm sure that much time and much manipulating of your "slider" capacitors on that crystal brought you many more NY QSO's and you were hooked. You came back to 14.070 again next weekend and the frequencies were packed with Florida stations. I'm sure one thing led to another and here you are today playing Big Time Ham Radio!

The summer months are packed with fun no stress contests of every imaginable specialty and interest. Pick up your CQ and QST and check those contest calenders (with Frank Anzalone out of the picture you'll probably even be able to stomach the editorial in the CQ column). Jump in some of those things, friends. It will feel good and you will be surprised to find a few of the Big Guys in there playing around, too. Remember, we all had to start somewhere and those folks you hand a QSO to now may be one of your much needed multipliers later.

I'll miss you all at the meeting Friday. They have me on the road again for a short while up north. I hope you did get into Radiosport last weekend. It was your last chance at an ulcer for a few months.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

(de Ken, KE5IV)

Well, the Texas DX Society has survived another Field Day. The final score should be around 24K Points with the bonus points. Once again, there were not enough operators to man the stations and some stations getting on after the activity had already started. The overcast and rain was a welcome relief. The 20M CW and 40 CW stations had no operators from 0600Z-1100Z, enough to have given the Club a new total point record. My sincere thanks to those at the site (got a little damp out, didn't it!) and the members at their homes who had to handle the whining, complaining, and the traffic!

WD5GAZ will be giving a talk on packet for a program at the meeting. A lot has changed on that mode since Walter and Kenny (NZ5I) gave the first talk. With the advent of the PacketCluster, we should really listen the second time around.

WN4KKN has enough tower to get his project headed upward; Trey and Paul, KS1G, loaded up the first 110' a couple weeks ago. Trey and Dave (WD5N) were down Monday night to disassemble some more. K5LZO and I had the pleasure of seeing the new QTH and hauling up the second 110' of ABM-105. (More QRM!) With 20 acres, Trey has plenty room to grow. There sure are a lot of Telrex monobanders in those crates!

Hopefully I will see most of you at the July meeting, there is alot of business to handle.

For Sale:

Azden PCS 4500 10 meter transceiver \$125.00

Drake twins T4 and R4 \$299.00

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