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ClubPub

(de Bill, K2TNO)

Now you too get to participate in the game of Clubpub! No, it's not a drinking game or an invitation to visit some Yuppie hangout in West U. Instead, it's a game of "fill in the blanks." For the past few months, I've been attaching some monthly calendars that carry with them significant dates in ham radio contesting. You've probably noticed that there are some gaps. I would like to get you to assist me in digging out some dates from your files of the ham mags. Especially, I need things like log-deadline dates for major contests. Also, I need to see if there is a pattern to the dates so that we can project these contest weekends into the future on the database.

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 June meeting will take place on Friday, June 9 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 - Field Day planning will take up a lot of the time. Also Mike Davidson, KC5CP, will show his VHF hidden-transmitter hunting setup, with which he won the ARRL Convention hunt this year in Dallas.

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 is up and running on 144.95 MHz using the call K5DX. This is the AK1A system; use AX25 Level 2 protocol (see article in this issue of the 'Sheet for updated parameters). The cluster is located in Hempstead and can be accessed via the ALD digipeater north of Houston if not direct. Usually it is linked into both Dallas and Austin for additional DX coverage.

Bullsheet Mailing List - TDXS wishes to provide the Bullsheet to all amateurs in the area with an interest in DXing and contesting. Donations to help defray publication and mailing costs are appreciated. Visitors to our club meeting

Field Day 1989

(de Bob, N5RP)

Field Day will be at the W5SJS ranch in Brenham again this year. Believe it or not, we're going 25A-battery! Arrive Friday if possible; there will be plenty to do. The traditional Friday night dinner in Brenham is a social and cultural must. Tired up Friday night? No problem: stick around Sunday for take-down time and win the TDXS coveted "most-useful" award.

To reach the site, take US 290 to Brenham. Turn south on Texas 36. Go six miles to the turnoff marked "Business 36 (Kenney TX)". Go under the railroad trestle, and bear right at the next road fork onto FM 2754. Go two miles on this road to the W5SJS ranch. Turn onto ranch drive just past the house, and proceed through the pasture to the FD site.

Brenham Repeater is 147.26/36 or try 147.36 direct when you're close. Ranch house tel nr 409-830-0102, in emergency.

DX Roundup

(de Bob, AK5B)

Ramblings and Rumors:

Well, another 11th hour is upon me. Things have been so busy around here that I've gotten my priorities all out of whack! With the contest last weekend, I had all good intentions of getting on the air and at least working Ole Tuna at EA8 (not to worry, Bob- you're in the log --ed.) but no way, Jose. Got stuck working, (ALL weekend), and didn't even turn on the rig. By some reports though I didn't miss that much, since the bands here in 5 land weren't all that good. Now I'm getting ready for the National in Big D this weekend. Hope to see you there, probably around the area of Don Search's table getting the DXCC endorsements checked.

Stations/Countries To Look For In June:

- K5DX/5: This month during Field Day, the club will be on all bands, battery-powered, QRP (er, nobody tell George, please! --ed.) Should sure be different, for us anyway.
- Glorioso Is., FR5AI/G: To be active for one month, starting May 19. Plans to be on both modes. Has been on 14.020 around 1200Z to 1400Z. Also on 21.300 around 1800Z.
- Market Reef, OH2AP/OH0M: June 7-13. All bands plus 6 meters.
- Marion Is., ZS8MI: Has been working stations more and more on his own. Look around 14.150, 21.250, and 28.800.
- Kalawao County, KH6FS/KH6: One of the rarest counties in the U.S. will be put on from this Leper Colony. Dates are June 29 thru July 2. If you're even thinking about county hunting in the future, be sure to work this one.

Dates to Remember:

- June 2-4 ARRL National Convention in Dallas
- June 17-18 All Asian Phone Contest
- June 24-25 Field Day. Don't miss the QRP record setting event.
- July 15-16 CQ WW WPX VHF Contest
- Aug. 26-27 All Asian CW Contest

The President's Corner

(de Ken, KE5IV)

The June meeting will be devoted almost entirely to discussion of Field Day. Before the meeting, please take an inventory of what equipment you can furnish the Club for use at Field Day.

The 75th ARRL National Convention in Dallas was a lot of fun. For those who did not make the trip to Dallas, (excuse me -- Arlington) you missed a good time. TDXS members present were: AK5B, K5AAD, K5LZO, K5PFE, K5WA, KC5CP, KE5IV, KE5TF, KG5U, N5AF, N5DC, N5RP and Mary Beth, W5ASP, W5LLU, W5WMU, WA9VLI and Lynn, and WN4KKN. If I have left out anyone, sorry! I enjoyed talking with Frank, W3LPL, about his theories on spacing, antenna height, and different yagis on the same mast.

Dick Norton, N6AA, gave a talk at Dallas about contest logs that contain errors. He showed how many "unique" calls in logs are actually broken calls copied incorrectly. He gave me a copy of the "uniques" and "uniques +1" for NR5M during the 1988 CQWW CW. Now I will go back to the logs and find out if it was my typing error, a call entered wrong, and or a call I couldn't read. (Whew! I thought he was about to mention the possibility of operator error! --ed.) There may be a day when accuracy and dupes will determine the winner in an ARRL or CQ contest or a bonus for your accuracy. Right now, it is grading on the curve, just for fun.

For those who missed NB1H's talk Sunday morning, K1EA and crew have more ideas in store. My personal highlight of the convention was talking to Rush Drake, W7RM, with questions going in both directions. Finally, I don't know how to express my thanks to the guys in North Texas Contest Club for their hospitality. Especially: WM5G, N5RZ, K5RX, K5MR, K5NW, N5TR, WB5VZL, K5GH and others. Thanks!

For Sale:

Collins 30S1 Amplifier, with spare 4CX1000A tubes, solid-state power supply. Good condition, works very well.
Collins 75S1 and 32S1 with solid state supplies.
Collins wattmeter and phone patch
CDE rotator and control box
TA33jr - cheap (yeah, but what is the price? --ed.)
Heath Micromatic keyer
35 ft of 25G tower with top section

Call: Joe Shreve WD5EGK
283-6973 (work)
480-5948 (home)

Contest Corral

(de Dennis, KZ5M)

Report on the Dxpedition to 6D2A: See the adjacent headline for a summary of our activities. Not as much rate as we would have liked, but having NM5L, K5IY, NT5D, KG5U WB5N (others? sri!) there was fun.

Tuna (K2TNO) went to EA8 as advertised and made about 1650 QSO's in 18 hours; mults uncounted at this writing from EA8ACH.

'Amateurs' held in Mexico artifacts theft

Texas DX Society Field Day - 1989
BAND ALLOCATIONS

NOVICE / TECHNICIAN	<u>NT5D / N5HHS</u>
160 Meter CW	<u>K5RVE</u>
160 Meter SSB	<u>KG5U</u>
80 Meter CW	<u>KG5U</u>
75 Meter SSB	<u>N5DU</u>
40 Meter CW	<u>AK5B</u>
40 Meter SSB	<u>KC5CP</u>
30 Meter CW	<u>STANDBY</u>
30 Meter SSB	<u>STANDBY</u>
20 Meter CW	<u>K2TNO</u>
20 Meter SSB	<u>NN5O</u>
17 Meter CW	<u>W5ASP</u>
17 Meter SSB	<u>W5ASP</u>
15 Meter CW	<u>K5LZO</u>
15 Meter SSB	<u>N5DC</u>
12 Meter CW	<u>W5SJS</u>
12 Meter SSB	<u>W5SJS</u>
10 Meter CW	<u>KZ5M</u>
10 Meter SSB	<u>N5RP</u>
6 Meter CW	<u>KB5FU</u>
6 Meter SSB	<u>WB5N</u>
2 Meter CW	<u>N5RP</u>
2 Meter SSB	<u>WB5N</u>
1.25 Meter CW	<u>KB5FU</u>
1.25 Meter SSB	<u>N5DC</u>
70 CM CW	<u>K5LZO</u>
70 CM SSB	<u>WB5N</u>
Satellite	<u>K5DX</u>
Packet	<u>N5DC</u>
Solar	<u>W5ASP</u>

THE BIG NUMBER TO HIT FOR AN
 ALL TIME GRAND PERFORMANCE *26,570 POINTS*

This number was reached in 1984 by the Anne Arundel Radio Club
 (W3VPR) under 5A, battery ... 49 ops ... 2,495 QSO's

TDXS PREVIOUS PERFORMANCE BIG NUMBERS ARE:

5E	1983	7,987 QSO's	
3A	1984	3,756 QSO's	17,194 points
4A	1987	5,394 QSO's	16,246 points
5A	1988	7,151 QSO's	19,836 points

Look at our 3A & 4A performance; compare to the W3VPR performance !
 The 1989 TDXS field day effort is not gonna be just another cake
 walk. We definitely have a job cut out for ourselves,,, but after
we have done the job, we will every reason to feel proud.

Now, I'm gonna take a few minutes to talk Field Day philosophy, as I think it should apply to the TDXS. Mind you now, these are just my simple thoughts.

(You always knew I had simple thoughts. Didn't you, 'LZO?)

Everyone has their reasons for being available, or not available, at contests, and the such, but think about this

Field Day is as much a club social event as it is an operating event.

There's no need for you to spend your entire weekend at the station set-up, if the time just isn't available. It is not expected of any member that they forgo very real obligations in order to be at Field Day for the full run of things.

Further, I don't think that you will find any of your fellow TDXS fraternity members feeling as though they have the right to judge your operating ability.

I do believe, however, that your fellow club members will be genuinely appreciative of your attending just some small portion of the field day schedule.

By putting forth just this small amount of effort, you will be rewarded with the *reality* that you are a part of, and not just the *impression* that you are a part of. ...

" THE CLUB. "

This year, let's go out, in as convenient a caravan as we can muster up on Friday. Let's get set up. Let's go to town for the joke filled supper we all have come to enjoy.
and let's show the world how to make QSO's !!!

Those of us that know how to have fun.... well, let's have it !!

Afterwards, all you *no-shows* can listen to us laugh about it over the repeater.

Maybe, we can share the fun with you next year !!



N5RP

June 1989

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Dallas Ham	3 Convention
4 Convention	5	6	7	8	9 TDXS MEETS	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 AllAsiaSSB
18 Father's D AllAsiaSSB	19	20	21	22	23	24 Field Day
25 Field Day	26	27	28	29	30	

July 1989

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Dominion D
2	3	4 Independ D	5	6	7	8 IARU HF
9 IARU HF	10	11	12	13	14 TDXS MEETS	15 CQ WPX VHF
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 CtHunt SSB
30 CtHunt SSB	31					