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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 February meeting will take place on Friday, February 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 - The Program for the February TDXS Meeting will be a video of the 4J1SU DXpedition by Marty Lane. (Courtesy of NCDX Foundation)

International DX Convention - The 1990 International DX Convention will be held in Visalia, California on April 6-8, 1990 at the Holiday Inn, Plaza Park. It will be hosted this year by the Southern California DX Club. Pre-Registration is \$40 per person and checks payable to "International DX Convention" may be sent to:

Don Bostron, N6IC
4447 Atol Avenue
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

Rooms at the Holiday Inn and Lamp Litter Inn are full. Try the Best Western (209)732-4561.

Acadiana ARA Hamfest - The 30th Annual Lafayette Hamfest will be held March 10-11, 1990 at the Holiday Inn, Central Holidome, in Lafayette, Louisiana. Among those featured will be Tom, K5RC, who will be handling the Contest Forum at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday.

Party Time... Party Time... - Rumor has it that K5VMX is planning a barbecue at his place on Lake Livingston for July 14 to celebrate 30 years of wedded bliss! It appears that TDXS types will in fact dominate the guest list. Bob promises to "get back to us later with more details".

Weekly DX and Contest net - Each Tuesday night at 9:00 P.M. local time the TDXS sponsors a net on 147.96/36 MHz. The purpose of this net is to exchange information of interest to DXers and contesters. Participation is not limited to members of TDXS, but is open to all and everyone is encouraged to participate.

DX Packet Cluster - The TDXS Packet Cluster DX bulletin board in Hempstead is on 144.95 MHz using the call KE5IV. It runs the AK1A software, and uses AX25 Level 2 protocol. There is a digipeater on the north side of Houston (ALD) for use with this cluster. There is a second path on 144.91, also using the call KE5IV, who has a beam pointed at Houston on that frequency. It is linked into the same computer, so it is simply an alternate path. However, with this beam many can hit the Hempstead QTH direct, which is much faster! Recently, K5FP has established another packet cluster in Galveston County which is very active on 144.93. Stations in the southern parts of Houston may find it easier to easier to hit that cluster. Frequently, both clusters are linked into 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 meetings will receive the 'Sheet for three months free of charge simply by signing the attendance list. Articles or other newsworthy items are hereby solicited by your editor. Articles should be submitted in the form of either ASCII files or as MS Word or WordPerfect word processor files. Files may be uploaded to the TDXS area on K2TNO's Bulletin Board at 713-798-4955 or sent direct to the editor on diskett. Contact W5ASP at 713-974-3455 to arrange these file transfers. If necessary, files may be sent to "Dr. William Schrader" via FAX at 713-790-1275.

DXCC Endorsements - Recent endorsements received by TDXS members: Mixed - K5BZU/329 and W5SG/315; Phone - W5SG/308

The TDXS Bullsheat

Repeater News

By the time this edition of the Bullsheat hits the streets the new "primary" location for the TDXS repeater should have received final approval. The new location, atop the First City Bank Building, is air conditioned and is provided with good security. Plans call for relocation of the original GE Master II unit, as well as the "old" Spectrum, to this new QTH. Both 2 Meter and 220 MHz antennas will have to be installed. More details will be given at the February meeting where the necessary "work party" will be put together. Txn to N5DC and K5VMX for their efforts to bring all of this about.

DX Report

(De Bob, AK5B)

First off, let me wish all of you a very happy new Year. May it be filled with all the DX your log can stand.

Mine started off with a real bang! My first log entry for the year, on January 1st, was the 3Y5X on 40 cw. Sure hope that all who needed or wanted to work Bouvet Island were able to get thru. It got a whole lot more reasonable there at the end.

They left the island on the 13th of January with approximately 46-47 K Q's in the logs. The other group that was planning to activate Bouvet Island, the League of Indianapolis DXers, has cancelled the trip. The plan was that Tony, WA4JQS, and group were going to join forces with the Bouvet operation and extend it to include an operation from both VP8 South Georgia and VP8 South Sandwich Islands.

This additional operation would have made it necessary for the charter boat time frame to be extended. This was not to be, as the boat was already booked from February 15th for 5 months. So, Mike, W9SU, the expedition leader along with the organizers of the group decided to cancel.

The good news is that Tony, WA4JQS, is still going ahead with plans for the South Georgia and South Sandwich operation! It is set for November 15 thru December 15, 1990. Part of the large crew already signed up for this D-Xpedition are W6OAT, K5MM, AD0S, and AH2BE. They are looking to raise about \$150,000 bucks for this one. Send any and all contributions to AA6BB.

Some more good DX to be on the look-out for will be the planned operation from ST0, Southern Sudan, around mid March. Calls mentioned are 6U0CW and 6U0DX.

Jim Smith, VK9NS, is zeroing in on permission for an operation from A5, Bhutan. 1990 has promise of being a super year for the dx'er.

Look for PY0T Trindade Island to show for a few days in February. PP1CZ, PP1BG, and PY1YT are making the plans.

Still no official word on the XW8 status. The XW8KPL papers that were sent in to the league were issued to them by themselves! The JA's papers for the XW8KPV operation referenced the KPL "license". No word on the documentation from the Hungarian XW8DX and XW8CW operation.

Lloyd and Iris have just finished up at A92QL, their third stop on current dxpedition. Should be heading for an operation from ZL, then on to FO, Tahiti, operating for about three weeks from each.

If you still need ZD9, Tristan da Cunha, be sure to catch Andy, ZD9BV on Sundays around 1700Z on 28.466 with his manager John, W4FRU. If you want a CW QSO, that is the place to ask.

Fred Laun, K3ZO, should be on now till Feb. 15 from HS, Thailand. He is hoping to get the call sign HS0B, E, or F.

FH5EJ, on Mayotte, is starting a two year assignment, working mostly 20 CW. This is another good DX location to listen for.

I guess thats about it for this month. Since this is the first column this year, I had a bit of catching up to do. I'll try not to be to windy in the future.

Don't forget that all DX'ers in the Houston area aren't QRV on the packet cluster yet. So lets keep the QST's coming on the 36 repeater. I know, that means me too. Till next month, gud DX es 73.

Contest News

The winner of the 1989 ARRL International DX contest plaque for the DX CW Multi/Multi Category was was I3JSS with a score of 3.86 M. This plaque is sponsored by the Texas DX Society.

ARRL has followed the lead of CQ WW and created a new "Single Operator, Assisted" category for ARRL DX.

● Results from the September '89 CW Sprint

Winner - Southern CA Contest Club #1

Runner-Up - "Nine Lids & a Zero" (10 Ops:

w/ K5GA, K5LZO, K2TNO, K5WA, WN4KKN)

12th - "Just Lids" (4 Ops: w/ NT5D, K5DX, W5ASP)

Plus: K5RC (w/o Portfolio)

● September '89 Phone Sprint

4th - Texas DX Society (W5ASP, K5DX, KD5SP, K5VMX, K5XI)

Plus: K5GA, K5LZO, N5AF, WN4KKN

● 1989 IARU HF World Championships

4th M/O (W/VE) - N5EA

(N5EA, K5RVK, W5ASP, WB5BIR, GW0ECO)

2nd S/O STX - KG5U

● Score Rumors:

1989 CQ WW Phone

K5NA/2 - MM 7th

K5GA - SO/28MHz 1st

1989 CQ WW CW

NR5M - MM 5th

K5NA/2 - MM 6th

KG5U - SO/28MHz 8th

1989 SS CW

K5GA(at NR5M) - SO 11th

K5LZO - MO 1st

● Contest Records Holders

ARRL DX CW (W/VE) 5th District
 W5WMU - SO/28 '89
 K5RC - MS '81
 NR5M - MM '89

ARRL DX CW (WORLD)
 XE2FU - MM '83

ARRL DX PHONE (W/VE) 5th District
 NR5M(by WN4KKN) SO ALL BAND '89
 W5WMU(by KE5FI) SO/28MHz '89
 K5GA SO/14 '82
 N5JJ SO/7 '82
 K5GA MS '81

ARRL '89 VHF QSO Party
 WBSN(w/ NT5D) MO 1st STX

UPCOMING EVENTS

- FEB 9 TDXS MONTHLY MEETING
- FEB 11 NA Sprint Phone
- FEB 17 ARRL DX CW
- FEB 23 CQ WW 160 Meter SSB
- MAR 3 ARRL DX Phone
- MAR 6 NA Sprint CW Logs !!DUE!!
- MAR 9 TDXS MONTHLY METING
- MAR 10 Lafayette Hamfest (Lafayette, LA)
- MAR 10 JA International DX CW
- MAR 13 NA Sprint Phone Logs !!DUE!!

(All dates are in UTC)

It's de-ja vu...all over again

de Jim, NSDC

Have you been appalled as I have been by all of the stupid goings on during the recent 3Y5 operation. I recently stumbled across an article in QST that I think goes to the heart of the matter. I shall condense it and when you have read it, make a guess as to when the article was written. It would appear that things haven't changed much.

"..For the past several years there has been article upon article printed in QST about proper and improper methods of operating an amateur station especially as it relates to calling CQ, and CQ DX. Broad signals, repeatedly calling, not to mention many other thoughtless and deliberate discourtesies of which so many amateurs at one time or another are guilty. Today we seem to be in as bad or worse disorder than ever before. One only has to listen to a DX pileup on phone or CW to hear living proof of our sorry state of affairs.

Since last August I have been attempting to keep various DX skeds, especially with Australia. It has been all but impossible to hear anyone outside the country due to about 90 percent of the many W operators blatting out "CQ DX" and wiping out the DX in the process. I continue to be amazed at how these poor ops are really screwing up the DX they are trying to work.

I have a letter from ZLIFW in which he states, I am occasionally bothered by local QRM, but most of it is from Stateside, and you chaps over there not only blot out the DX, but each other....."

I have edited this article considerably, but the thoughts certainly apply today. So you think we are the only bad guys on the block, this article was written by W9CKQ and first appeared in QST in June of 1929!!!

FUNCTION KEY		ALT FUNCTION KEY	
F1 CQ DE UR CALL	F2 599 05	ALT F1 BAND DOWN	ALT F2 BAND UP
F3 QRZ DE UR CALL	F4 UR CALL	ALT F3	ALT F4
F5 HIS CALL	F6 CL?	ALT F5	ALT F6
F7 ?	F8 CHECK PARTIAL	ALT F7 QRL? DE UR CALL	ALT F8
F9 CHECK CALL	F10 CHECK COUNTRY	ALT F9 CW DOWN 2 WPM	ALT F10 CW UP 2 WPM

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MULTIPLIER CHECKING

- ALT Z - Show zone map
- ALT M - Show mult check sheet

LOGGING CALLS:

- [RETURN] - Logs call
- [INS] - Sends call+exchange
- [+] - Sends QRZ and logs
- [ESC] - Stops sending
- [Ctrl C] - Stops sending

TO EDIT CURRENT ENTRY

- [TAB] - Moves to next field
- [Ctrl W] - Clears current field

Contest log file name _____