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me ASAP. I would love to get everything already in digital format, but if the material is good I'll take it any way you can deliver it. I can be contacted at E-Mail dsarkozi@PHOENIX.PHOENIX.NET; or the KK5DK BBS (978-7566, 8N1 fast as you can go!). I would prefer straight text files, but I can handle just about any word processor format.

As Secretary Ron, KK5DK will be responsible for mailing the Bullsheet. Direct address changes to him, If they come to me there could be a delay in updating the database and you could miss a Bullsheet.

Announcements

Meeting – The Texas DX Society Meets the second Friday of each month, except when the date is changed by the Board of Directors. The February meeting will be **Friday February 10, 1995 at the Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Drive**. This location is one block east of the Sam Houston Tollway (Beltway 8) between Richmond and Westpark. The meeting will begin promptly at 7 PM. Visitors are welcome to attend, and may obtain help in finding the location by checking in on 147.96/36 MHz.

From the Editor – de Dave, WB5N

After a run of several years Joe, W5ASP has elected to give up editing the Bullsheet, and I've agreed to take over the position of editor. Joe did an excellent job he will be missed as editor.

I don't plan any major changes. The format that Joe and Bill, K2TNO before him worked out is a nice clean format and I plan to keep it right now. I have access to several scanners and will consider using some graphics (photo's, cartoon, drawings, charts etc.) Contact me if you have something to share.

As editor I hope to get a few words for the Bullsheet from many of you during the next year. If you see something you thing would be interesting in the Bullsheet forward it to

and try to contact me if you have any

The Prez Sez – de Bob, N5RP

FROM THE N5 RADIO PULPIT !

I received a telefax the other day from AA7VB. He wanted to convey an updated affirmation on his continued enthusiasm for the TDXS, and his letter did exactly that. Dennis, from what I can determine, wanted to do more, and somehow try to say more, than just "Here's my money for another year". He wants KZ5M to still be a part of the TDXS.

Dennis' telefax was more effort put forth than I saw from some of you for the entire 1994 year.

There, I've said it. I have used that pin-pointing pronoun "YOU" I have quit referring to a general lack of club enthusiasm as though it were an activity, or lack thereof, being put forth from "the other guy". Do we need names on this one ? Is that what it will take ?

Last year, we had three fairly well planned out events; BBQ, Field Day, Swap Meet. A MAJORITY OF OUR MEMBERSHIP (YOU !) DID NOT BOTHER TO ATTEND EVEN ONE OF THESE EVENTS NOT A SINGLE ONE !! A MAJORITY OF OUR MEMBERSHIP (YOU !) DID NOT EVEN TURN ON HIS/HER RIG TO GIVE OUT ONE QSO

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POINT TO A FELLOW TDXS STATION THAT MIGHT BE CONTESTING. NOT A SINGLE ONE !!

How many times have we noticed that after a member has been president of the TDXS for his/her one year term, that member just seems to fade off into the sunset? Why does this happen? Well, have we ever stopped to consider that perhaps that member might just feel as though he/she didn't do as good a job as he/she should have. Who would send such a signal to a fellow member ? A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERSHIP ! THAT'S WHO ! THAT SAME MAJORITY WHO EXPRESSES NO INTEREST WHATSOEVER IN THEIR BOARD'S EFFORTS, OR THE EFFORTS OF THAT CORE GROUP FEW WHO HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AT THE MAINSTAY OF THE TDXS ORGANIZATIONAL NEEDS.

In order to get me off this subject and allow me to start thinking of better tones for next month's "Prez Sez" article, please allow for your board to ask a few simple questions.

We hope that the attached form will pretty well fill our/your needs. Please mail your responses to N5RP home address so that your board members can determine how best to meet your needs for 1995.

We apologize for any inconvenience of your time, the lack of return envelope, and the lack of a pre-licked postage stamp.

We will plan on going over the results at the February (2-10-95) meeting.

73, Bob

Treasurers Report, de Mike, KC5CP

The status of the club at the end of 1994 was better than I expected. We did not have a fund raiser this past year like we normally do at the Convention but we were able to sell several assets of the club. I will go through a list of income and expense groups to show you what we did last year. (All amounts are in dollars.) INCOME: Dues 1237, Interest 68, Repeater 389, Donations 1528 and Banquet 960. Total income \$4182. EXPENSES: Banquet 1170, Bullsheet 880, Field Day 185, Hamfests 911, Insurance 255, Post Office 101, QSL's 102 and Misc. 226. Total expenses \$3830. Net gain during 1994 of \$352.00. You might say this was a good year and now for the details. Details: We had 38 members and guests show up for our yearly TDXS banquet and everyone had a good time. After all the expenses were paid we lost over two hundred dollars on this event. (Maybe it was a good thing for the club not to have one this year.) The Swapfest/Auction at the Farm &

Ranch Club was a nice event but we only broke even on expenses. The reoccurring monthly expenses like the Bullsheet, Field Day, QSL cards and others cost a lot. Many of these expenses form the backbone of our club communications and we would not be the TDXS without things like the Bullsheet or first place at Field Day. We have been doing them for years and everyone gets the benefits, especially those that participate.

How we made money: The sale of the old repeater brought in cash and the new repeater maintenance costs have been minor, thus we are ahead in this category. We sold a tower that several of you helped take down, plus items that were taken to the Lumberyard and a small crankup tower. All of these items really helped increase the donations and many thanks to those of you who helped with this part of our club activities. These club members really helped keep us in the black when it came to our check book and budget! What's ahead for 95? I expect we will have about 42 members this year in TDXS, thus our income should be about the same as last year. We will not have the income from the sale of assets like we did last year, but we may get lucky with a Houston convention. If there is no convention, the Farm & Ranch Club may be our only chance at another auction/swapfest but it will require getting more people involved to be able to make money for TDXS. June will be a very active month, the Arlington Hamvention will start the month, I will be attending a national convention in Alabama and we try to get another first place finish with Field Day at the W5SJS Ranch. I expect our meetings to continue at the Tracy G. Community Center until someone finds us a more centrally located place. Any ideas? Dues: Only about half of you have paid your dues as of the first of February. I will be imposing the ten dollar late fee on those that are now past due, so please do not blame me for having to ask you for \$35. Lets have a good 1995, win a few contests and work some new DX.

73 Mike D.

Rover – de Ron, K5LLL

Rover

No, its not a dog. It's operating VHF/UHF mobile/portable in several grids, similar to an Armadillo run.

For those not familiar with VHF and UHF activity, "grids" are geographical rectangles one degree in latitude by two degrees in longitude. Instead of scoring based on states, counties, countries or zones, VHFers work grids. For more information see your handbook.

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Houston happens to be in grid EL29; north of IAH is grid EM20. These are fairly well populated with contacts on most VHF and UHF bands a sure thing. During the January VHF contest, I decided to head south for EL18 and EL28 which are relatively rare in terms of VHF activity.

My first trip was Saturday afternoon, the 21st, a beautiful day. I loaded my 2 meter multimode, 6 meter SSB and 902 MHz rigs into the truck along with a 2M bigwheel (tnx K5WA), 6M Halo (tnx W5SJS) and 13 element 902 yagi. On the way, I made contacts from EL29 and EL19 on 6 and 2 meters. I arrived at Bay City, found a suitable location and worked a few stations. I then moved to EL18 a few miles west with the same results. Somewhat disappointed that most stations must have shut down for the afternoon, I headed for home. KB5IUA was happy to work me in four grids on three bands, however.

The junior op, KK5DK, showed up Saturday evening to operate from the home station so I decided to repeat the trip on Sunday, this time taking a small 2M beam to help with the distant Houston Stations. Sunday, however, was not a beautiful day, the first clue was the rain I ran through before getting to Bay City. A quick set up in EL28 netted a few more contacts than Saturday but efforts on 902 with the home station were unsuccessful. In fact later we could not even make reliable contact on 2M SSB due to the stormy weather, static and lightning. A quick move to EL18 netted one contact with the home station on 2M. With the weather looking very threatening, I headed for home. The road between Bay City and Wharton at one point was almost inundated (thought I might have to use /MM) but when I got to Wharton the sun was shining. I later heard that a tornado had been sighted in the area. From there to Houston the weather got worse. I pulled in the driveway and unloaded just before the rain and hail hit.

Final score from the home station was 5624 points (113 Q's and 37 grids), I didn't even calculate my rover score. No running JA's on 15 for me when I can work contests like this!

W1AW Bulletins Available on the INTERNET

To receive W1AW Bulletins on the INTERNET, send a message to listserv@netcom.com Text of the message to have any subject (it is ignored) with text as follows:

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subscribe W1AW-list
help
lists
quit

The "lists" command will give you a listing of all available email distribution services that are available at Netcom.

The "help" command will give you a set of instructions for all of the available commands that LISTSERV understands.

AA7VB AKA KZ5M

Dennis Motschenbacher, a member of the Texas DX Society (TDXS), now living in 7 land away from the land of Lone Star will operate as VP2EWW during the time frame of 1/25 through 2/1 with CQ160 operating emphasis. Dennis' stateside call is AA7VB but continues to be remembered by his fellow TDXS members as KZ5M.

Dennis will also be looking for a few good CW Q's while in KH6 land during a stay of 2/15 through 2/20 which seems to hit ARRL CW (Wonder how he pulls that off?) Look for VP2EWW and AA7VB/AH6 during the contests. Like all TDXS guys, Dennis is a good CW op !!

FIELD DAY 1995: JUNE 24TH AND 25TH de Bob, W5SJS

As in 1994, Field Day 1995 will be held at the W5SJS ranch in Austin County. After the club's win in last year's 3A Field Day, it is important that we begin planning for another win in this year's event. Each member should begin now giving thought to the Club's participation this June. We will need to determine how many members will participate, which will help us decide which category we should enter. Also, we should have a group go up to the Austin County site in the spring to do an antenna inventory in plenty of time to pull together the necessary parts if maintenance or repair is necessary.

Every club member should plan to put Field Day on his calendar and make definite plans to attend. It was only through excellent member participation that TDXS won the 3A category in 1994. It is essential that we have a large turnout again this year !

Contest Corner, de Joe, W5ASP

It's **SPRINT** time! The NCJ North American Sprint - Phone was held on Saturday, February 4th. The CW event will take place on Saturday, February 11th from 6:00 PM till 10:00 PM CST. NOTE that this time the phone Sprint preceded the CW, contrary to the normal sequence of these events.

TDXS team members for the CW Sprint are: AC5K, K5DX, K5GA, K5LZO, K5GN, K5RC, K5TU, K5WA, KB5YVT, KG5U, KI3L, KN5H, KZ8E, NT5D, NZ5I, W5ASP, WY7U. We need at least three more operators to fill out a second team. Let me know if you want to be on a team before 6 PM local time Friday. The final Teams will be posted to the K5WA Packet Cluster BBS by Saturday noon.

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IF YOUR CALL APPEARS IN THE ABOVE LIST, TDXS EXPECTS YOU TO OPERATE AND TO TURN IN YOUR LOG! If you can/will NOT operate PLEASE have the courtesy to let me know so I can reform the teams. That way those of us who do make the effort won't be penalized by missing Team members. (To get in touch with me, see below.)

The CW QSO Party was a real "race to the wire" among the top four. N4ZZ up in Tennessee took top honors with 139K. Right on his heels were Dave, K6LL, Steve, KN5H (at K7UP), and Bill, K5GA (at W5WMU). Looks like the Arizona guys (K6LL and KN5H) took good advantage of their longer 20 M opening. The TDXS "A-Team" turned in a 437K team score in spite of one no-show.

In the Phone QSO Party the team of K5DX, KI3L, KB5YVT, N5RP and W5ASP put together 522K points... not all that shabby! This is truly one of the more pleasant contest events. Enough activity to make it interesting but still at a relaxed level with time to pass a moment with old friends. In spite of the commercial QRM on 40 and the occasional obnoxious inhabitant of 75, it's a fun Saturday for even the non-serious operator. The next one comes up in mid-August. You might want to give it a try.

A glance at the contest schedule below shows a full slate of events coming up in February. While the European contests won't inundate the bands, given the current propagation conditions, there could be some interesting band-country opportunities, especially in the French affair.

The "biggie" is obviously the ARRL DX CW contest. There will be a serious effort from K5XI with several "hired-guns" (W6OAT, KN5H, NM5M) along with a bunch of the more avid locals. Tom, K5RC is even now putting up more wire and fine tuning all the bits and pieces. Looks like it's gonna be a wild and crazy weekend.

In spite of the extensive array of aluminum and steel available at Sid's place, we will still need additional "ears" on all bands for the entire weekend. Any time you can spend sorting through the bands for choice DX spots will be deeply appreciated. If you don't have packet, put them out over the voice repeater. (Contrary to the comments of some, that is still the primary purpose of the TDXS repeater.) With luck we'll pick them up.. or, better yet, one of the guys on packet will enter them.

While not everyone in the TDXS has the same intense interest in contesting as those of us who do it regularly, it is one area where our "medium" size club can run with the

"big dogs", and reaffirm our enviable record of accomplishments. TDXS "team" and "multi" events give every member a chance to help out with just a modest effort on their part. Just ask yourself why it was that you were so damned anxious to get into TDXS. It was simply because TDXS had a unique reputation based upon success, either in DXing, Contesting, or Field Day. Doesn't this suggest that we all have an obligation to support each other in the pursuit of our chosen interests.

With so many Honor Roll members in the group now there isn't the evident passion for DX that once drove many of us. Yet, I sincerely hope that the repeater/packet will come thundering back to life the next time Bhutan, Yemen, or Andaman show up. In the meanwhile "support your local contester". He'll carry the TDXS banner while you kick back and enjoy feeding him Qs.

For those who chose to contest, a couple of requests. First, PLEASE get your scores to me quickly after the contests. Now days, contest scores are collected and listed on the INTERNET "Contest Reflector" within several days of the event. No longer is it necessary to wait months to see the "claimed scores" and find out how you/we did. Send them to me via packet (I check K5WA PacketCluster BBS daily), via INTERNET (jastaples@aol.com or 71045.2632@compuserve.com), via KK5DK's telephone BBS, or simply call me. I have two lines, both with recorders.

Second, if you do operate in ANY contest event, send in your log (ALWAYS clearly marked Texas DX Society). It doesn't matter how little time you spend or how few contacts you log, just SEND IT IN! I you are in doubt about the date, time, rules, scoring, mailing address for any contest... let me know and I'll do what I can to help. I can even provide you with suitable contest software (there's a lot of good stuff in the public domain).

And finally, for those non-contesters in the TDXS. If you've read this far, maybe there is hope for you yet. Far be it for me to try to divert a "True DXer" from the "One Path" but then some of you guys are actually pretty good Ops and there's always room for more in the 'tests. Anyway. one way or the other we'll have fun.. and after all that's all the really counts.. Isn't it?

SCORES

Results

IARU HF Championship	
W5WMU	#1 Multi WVE (#9 World)
K5NA	#3 Multi WVE

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N5EA (w/ K65GA, W5ASP) #4 Multi WVE

Claimed

NCJ NA QSO Party - CW

K7UP (Steve, KN5H)	702 Qs x 196 Mlts = 137,592
W5WMU (Bill, K5GA)	653 Qs x 201 Mlts = 131,253
AD5Q (Roy)	541 Qs x 166 Mlts = 89,806
W5ASP (Joe)	524 Qs x 149 Mlts = 78,076
KI3L/5 (Don)	462 Qs x 152 Mlts = 70,224
K5DX (Sharp)	279 Qs x 129 Mlts = 35,991
N5RP (Bob)	293 Qs x 107 Mlts = 31,351
WY7U (Chuck)	207 Qs x 97 Mlts = 20,079
K5RC (Tom)	153 Qs x 81 Mlts = 12,393

NCJ NA QSO Party - SSB

W5ASP (Joe)	865 Qs x 193 Mlts = 166,945
KI3L/5 (Don)	782 Qs x 190 Mlts = 148,580
K5DX (Sharp)	613 Qs x 165 Mlts = 101,145
KI3L/5 (Don)	782 Qs x 190 Mlts = 148,580
KB5YVT (Mike)	653 Qs x 138 Mlts = 90,114
N5RP (Bob)	253 Qs x 60 Mlts = 15,180
WY7U (Chuck)	300 Qs x 113 Mlts = 33,900
N5NMX (Bob)	256 Qs x 111 Mlts = 28,416
K5RC	26 Qs X 21 Mlts = 546

CQ WW DX 160M CW

K5GN	440 Qs x 80 Mlts (47 + 33 DX)
K5DX	377 Qs x 64 Mlts = 57,664
KB5YVT	332 Qs x 57 Mlts (50 + 7 DX) = 43,149
W5ASP	275 Qs x 53 Mlts (46 + 7 DX) = 32,224
N5RP	224 Qs x 50 Mlts = 25,300

Contest Calendar

February 04	North American SSB Sprint
February 11	North American CW Sprint
February 11	Dutch PACC Contest
February 18	ARRL International DX Contest - CW
February 24	CQ WW 160-Meter SSB Contest
February 25	RSGB 7 MHz CW Contest
February 25	REF French SSB Contest
February 25	U.B.A. Belgium CW Contest
March 04	ARRL International DX Contest - SSB

Contest Due Dates

REMEMBER - Always mark your logs "Texas DX Society"

NCJ NA QSO Party - CW	February 13
NCJ NA QSO Party - SSB	February 20
CQ WW 160 Meter DX - CW	February 28
NCJ Sprint - Phone	March 06
NCJ Sprint - CW	March 13

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1. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE MEETINGS MOVED TO THE FOLLOWING LOCATION(S)
FOR ALL OR PART OF THE YEAR (BE SPECIFIC) _____

2. I WOULD LIKE FOR FIELD DAY TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING FEATURES: _____

3. I WOULD LIKE FOR MEETINGS TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING FEATURES WITH REGARDS
TO STRUCTURE OR ACTIVITY _____

4. I WOULD LIKE FOR MEETINGS TO INCLUDE FOOD AND DRINK FOR ALL OR PART OF
THE YEAR _____

5. I WILL ATTEND THE FOLLOWING EVENTS IF THEY ARE HELD:
BBQ MEETING _____
PRE-FIELD DAY PEP RALLY _____
PRE-FIELD DAY EQUIPMENT CHECKOUT DAY _____
FIELD DAY _____
SWAP FEST _____
ANNUAL BANQUET _____
DALLAS HAM-COM HOSPITALITY SUITE _____
HOUSTON HAMFEST HOSPITALITY SUITE _____ (IF APPLICABLE)
OCCASIONAL WEEKEND GET TOGETHER FOR (SUPPER, LUNCH, BEERS, ??)
OCCASIONAL SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFASTS _____
OCCASIONAL AFTER WORK GET TOGETHERS _____

I QUALIFY MY RESPONSES TO THE ABOVE, INCLUDING EVENT SUBSTITUTIONS, AS
FOLLOWS: _____

6. WE SHOULD _____ SHOULD NOT _____ CHANGE THE RULES FOR JOINING TDXS
HOW ? _____

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7. IF EVERYTHING STAYS "AS IS", I WILL ATTEND _____ MEETINGS IN 1995.
IF THE FOLLOWING CHANGES ARE IMPLEMENTED, I WILL ATTEND _____ MEETINGS.

8. I PRESENTLY HAVE A STATION ON THE AIR HF _____ VHF _____ PACKET _____
I HAVE _____ DO NOT HAVE _____ PLANS TO GET A STATION ON THE AIR

9. BULLSHEET: I READ EVERY ISSUE _____ SOME ISSUES _____
WE NO LONGER NEED A BULLSHEET _____
THE BULLSHEET NEED ONLY BE MADE AVAILABLE IN DIGITAL FORM _____

10. I DO _____ DO NOT HAVE _____ AN INTEREST IN CONTESTING
I DO _____ DO NOT HAVE _____ AN INTEREST IN DX ING
I DO _____ DO NOT HAVE _____ AN INTEREST IN WORKING FELLOW MEMBERS THAT
MAY BE INVOLVED IN A CONTEST
I DO _____ DO NOT WANT _____ AN "IGOR" ON THE REPEATER
I DO _____ DO NOT HAVE _____ ANYTHING TO SHARE WITH MY FELLOW MEMBERS IN
THE WAY OF A BULLSHEET ARTICLE
I AM _____ I AM NOT _____ INTERESTED IN THE CLUB MAINTAINING A
TUESDAY NIGHT NET OPERATION

11. I HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ABOUT OUR REPEATER PERFORMANCE, COVERAGE,
AND TOPICS GENERALLY DISCUSSED ON THE REPEATER (IGOR, WALL STREET,
BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL, ANTENNAS, OPERATING PRACTICES, POLITICS, WOMEN,
WHATEVER) _____

12. I PLAN ON MAKING THE TDXS A BETTER CLUB FOR 1995 BY _____

