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# THE BULLSHEET

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Texas DX Society  
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FROM THE N5 RADIO PULPIT !!!

The holidays are a little rough on us all when it comes to time availability. Add to that, work obligations that might entail one's having to go off to Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Pakistan, and Florida for extended tours of duty all within a one month time frame, and well, I have discovered the true meaning of being out of synch and out of wits.

The Bullsheet is late, as if we can't already tell, and the format is a little different; again, as if we all can't tell !

Not much happened over the December month with me as far as Ham Radio is concerned, from what I can recall, but then, how would it, as I was pretty well kept full time busy playing Gadabout Gaddis? I did manage to monitor the bands while in Pakistan and discovered that 40 and 80 meters are an entirely different experience from that part of the world. It was wild to hear 4Z4.. working stateside on 80 meters and then, wilder yet, to be able to hear W4MYA on my Sony, as he worked 4Z4.. on 80 CW. None of the other stateside boys being worked were copyable on my Sony ... with the long wire strung around the hotel room.

Now fer TDXS.

We have a board for 1995, as follows:

President .....	You know who !
Vice President .....	KG5U
Secretary .....	KK5DK (who ?)
Treasurer .....	KC5CP
Legal .....	KE5FI
Contest .....	W5ASP
Field Day .....	W5SJS
Repeater .....	NT5D
Bullsheat Editor .....	WB5N
DX .....	Hello !?!?!?

To our "Bullsheat" for the month, which has been put together despite conflicting time frames for everyone involved, you should notice several pieces of information and response forms.



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The banquet and dues forms need your member response.

The new member forms need your prospective attention as you search for the much needed new blood that our club so very desperately needs.

W5ASP has done a fine job with the Bullsheet for so many years that we have all probably forgotten when it was that he did not edit the Bullsheet. WB5N has stepped in to volunteer manning the helm for editorship, and I must confess, the rather poor format and timing for this month's edition has nothing to do with Dave, but, rather my inability to get him started off on the right foot.

Oh well, who ever said I favored my right foot, anyway ?

W5ASP has accepted the spot of contest chairman, and I think Joe will be contacting you in the future to let you know when and where your operating abilities might be needed for the various upcoming contests.

You will notice that KG5U and KK5DK (who ?) have stepped up to bat and have assumed duties for the club for this 1995 year.

All other positions are filled by incumbents; a magnanimous gesture to say the least !!

W5SJS... Well what can be said?

He, again, is the ideal guy, with the ideal spot, with the ideal ability to accommodate our club needs in this capacity. The key word is "accommodate". I have assured Bob that the club will respond to 1995 Field Day with the very same vigor and triumphing turnout as we did for Field Day 1994.

Please do not let me down.

As a member, or friend of the TDXS, you really should make an effort to attend.

Banquet.....

Melanie has done a superb effort at putting together a location and time for our banquet. Her main concern has been to place everything for timing and location so as to not conflict with the many contests which now occur every weekend, as well as finding a physical location that might be centrally located for us all.

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As I said last year ..... I will say again .....

*"At this year's banquet I hope to be able to have the opportunity to remind us all of just what an elite organization we are. If I can do only one thing for the club this year, it is my desire to revitalize the concept that "once you join the TDXS, you are a member for life."*

Additionally, as I requested last year, please continue to:

1. Make a really big turnout at Field Day this year.
2. Put out packet spots to the cluster during contest sessions.
3. Contribute to making our "active" roster grow through the bringing of "past members" back into the fold.

Guys, I am sure that I am missing some key issue of worldly communication importance with this rather short article, but by golly, I ain't got time for much more typing.

CU at the banquet and in the pileups.  
Needless to say all I will have time for is a quick exchange when I hear you on in the contests giving me and your fellow members a point beyond that which others might be privileged to receive.

P.S. Does anyone know what ever happened to our Tuesday night net sessions on the repeater ???

73, Bob

1995 TEXAS DX SOCIETY WINTER BANQUET

WHERE: HOUSTON ENGINEERING AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY  
WHEN: JANUARY 28, 1995  
6:00 P.M. FOR CASH BAR & HORS D'OEUVRES  
7:00 P.M. FOR DINNER  
COST: \$ 25.00 PER PERSON

DINNER SELECTIONS, AS FOLLOWS:

\_\_\_\_\_ CHICKEN CELANTRO  
\_\_\_\_\_ 10 CHICKEN CORDON BLEU  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHICKEN OSCAR  
\_\_\_\_\_ SNAPPER PONTCHARTRAIN  
\_\_\_\_\_ 10 OZ. PRIME RIB  
\_\_\_\_\_ 10 OZ. RIBEYE  
\_\_\_\_\_ BEEF WELLINGTON

EACH OF THE ABOVE SERVED W/  
COFFEE, TEA, HOMEMADE ROLLS:

AND INDIVIDUAL CHOICE OF:

1. SALAD

\_\_\_\_\_ TOSSED GREEN SALAD  
\_\_\_\_\_ SPINACH SALAD  
\_\_\_\_\_ JANE SALAD

2. VEGETABLE

\_\_\_\_\_ BROCCOLI  
\_\_\_\_\_ SAUTEED ZUCCHINI  
\_\_\_\_\_ GREEN BEANS  
\_\_\_\_\_ GLAZED CARROTS  
\_\_\_\_\_ PEAS AND CARROTS

3.

\_\_\_\_\_ NEW POTATOES  
\_\_\_\_\_ LYONNAISE POTATOES  
\_\_\_\_\_ SCALLOPED POTATOES  
\_\_\_\_\_ AU GRATIN POTATOES  
\_\_\_\_\_ WILD RICE  
\_\_\_\_\_ RICE PILAF

**PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND**  
**AND INDICATE YOUR ENTREE SELECTION BY CONTACTING N5RP @**  
**466-6751 ... DAY, 466-1163 ... FAX, 493-5780 ... NIGHT,**  
**PACKETCLUSTER MAIL, OR N5RP-1 (PBBS) ON 144.95 MHZ,**  
**EMAIL .... [perring@icsi.net](mailto:perring@icsi.net),**  
**COMPUSERVE .... 73613,2161.**

**DUES FORM FOR 1995 TDXS MEMBERSHIP**  
(please return to KC5CP w/ remittance)

- \$25.00 ..1.. FULL MEMBERSHIP (AVAILABLE ONLY TO A 1994 MEMBER WHO HAS ATTENDED AT LEAST FOUR (4) 1994 MEETINGS)
- \$25.00 ..2.. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (1995 CLASSIFICATION OF A 1994 MEMBER WHO DID NOT ATTEND AT LEAST FOUR (4) 1994 MEETINGS)
- \$12.50 ..3.. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (FOR THOSE LIVING MORE THAN 75 MILES FROM MAIN MAIL CENTER; HOUSTON, TEXAS)
- \$10.00 ..... LATE FEE TO BE ADDED TO 1995 DUES PAYMENT FOR ANY MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY IF DUES PAYMENT IS MADE AFTER JAN. 31, 1995.
- \$10.00 ..... REQUIRED FEE SO AS TO RE-ACTIVATE A MEMBERSHIP THAT WAS EXPIRED FOR 1994.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ DUES AMOUNT INCLUDED FOR CATEGORY 1, 2, 3,  
CALLSIGN: \_\_\_\_\_ TDXS MEMBER # \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
BIRTH DATE (OPTIONAL): \_\_\_\_\_  
PRIOR CALLSIGNS: \_\_\_\_\_

**TEXAS DX SOCIETY**

**Candidate Sponsor's Statement**

1. Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_

2. How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

3. How do you know the applicant?

\_\_\_\_\_ Only through ham radio

\_\_\_\_\_ Personal acquaintance

\_\_\_\_\_ Business

\_\_\_\_\_ Family member

4. Criteria checklist

a. Has the candidate participated in at least two of the following in the past year?

\_\_\_\_\_ Field Day

\_\_\_\_\_ Reporting DX on the repeater/packet cluster

\_\_\_\_\_ Contest team member or multi-op operator

\_\_\_\_\_ Activities with the club ... DXpeditions,  
Armadillo Run, Etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ Assistance with antennas/technical

\_\_\_\_\_ Helped *TDXS* at convention

Describe any other activities of the above in more detail if appropriate: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

b. Does the candidate hold DXCC or participate in contests?  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ (1) Describe whether you believe the candidates performance fulfills this requirement in some other manner \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

c. Do you believe the candidate's operating practice would be a positive reflection on the reputation of *TDXS*?  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

d. Has the candidate made an effort to meet the *TDXS* members?  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_  
If so how? In person \_\_\_\_\_ On the repeater \_\_\_\_\_

5. Describe below why you feel the candidate will be a good member

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**TEXAS DX SOCIETY**  
Candidate's Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Call: \_\_\_\_\_  
Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Licensed \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_  
Work \_\_\_\_\_

Previous calls held: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Describe your principal ham radio interests: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you currently have a station on the air? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, describe your station briefly, indicating the bands and modes  
you operate most frequently:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. DXing activities: Do you hold DXCC: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_  
What is you current ARRL countries total? worked \_\_\_\_\_ confirmed \_\_\_\_\_

4. Contesting activities: Do you participate in radio contests  
regularly? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_  
What contest and modes? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Are you a member of ARRL? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_  
List other radio societies and clubs of which you are a member:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Are there other amateur radio operators in your family?  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ If so, list them \_\_\_\_\_

7. Any other hobbies or interests you care to divulge? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# KENWOOD REPORT

A NEWSLETTER FOR AMATEUR  
RADIO CLUBS

## KENWOOD DUAL-BAND TH-79A(D) DELUXE VERSION

Kenwood is excited to announce a new version of the popular TH-79A miniature handheld HT radio. The Kenwood TH-79A(D) Deluxe, (144MHz/440MHz), has a new and versatile dot-matrix liquid crystal LCD display. The TH-79A(D) also has the world's first built-in operators manual and guide function program. The guide function offers optimum operation ease and powerful performance. This slim, truly pocket size HT can access most operation functions normally found in the manual right from the dot-matrix LCD. Instructions are in plain English with complete words and sentences of instructions for operation. You'll never forget how to perform a function! The New Deluxe TH-79A(D) also has incorporated a memory lock-out feature. In addition, the TH-79A(D) also has a new improved high performance antenna. A FET high efficiency power module helps keep this radio lightweight and slim while enabling extra long hours of operation. Only 6 volts produces 2.7 watts with the standard PB-32 battery or 9.6volts and 5 watts with the optional PB-34 battery. Besides the standard wall charger, a rapid rate desktop charger, KSC-14 with dual charging

stations and the KSC-8A, a single station regular rate desktop charger. Both desktop chargers use a unique adapter dish to accommodate other Kenwood batteries. A complete line of optional accessories are available from your AUTHORIZED Kenwood dealer.

## KENWOOD ECOLOGY NEWS

You may have noticed that Kenwood now uses brown boxes for all Kenwood HT and mobile radios. In our efforts to maintain a true leadership role, Kenwood made a very easy ecological decision yet gutsy marketing decision to use a plain brown box to package our products. From a competitive marketing position this could represent a negative effect on sales. Consumers are conditioned to be attracted to bright and colorful packaging. Check yourself the next time you walk through the grocery store. Packaging has the greatest impact. By ignoring this basic marketing rule, Kenwood has accomplished several important objectives.

Brown paper in it's naturally produced state contains no dyes or carcinogens. This helps the environment in several ways. Few chemicals are used in the production of brown cardboard. Multi-colored, glossy finished packaging looks great on the shelf but requires many chemical processes to

achieve this attractive look. In addition, no Styrofoam is used to surround the contents. Styrofoam is totally non-bio-degradable. A unique system of cardboard fillers has been incorporated to hold radio components in place inside the box. This new packaging is also thoroughly vibration and drop tested to assure reliability and integrity of our products during shipping.

## CLONING YOUR KENWOOD

Did you know that your Kenwood TH-28A, TH-48A, TH-78A, TH-22AT, TH-42AT, TH-78A, TM-733A, and TM-251A can clone, or "copy" each other. Any of these radios can clone complete frequency data stored in memory to another of the same model such as TH-79A to TH-79A. This feature can be extremely useful in clubs, families, or just friends who share the same exact model Kenwood radio. This saves a lot of time and also can make it a breeze for a new ham to start operating without having to spend hours programming their new radio. Each model has its own clone mode. If your club needs cloning information on a specific model, just call or fax Kenwood!

**KENWOOD CUSTOMER  
RELATIONS 2201 E.  
Dominguez St., P.O. Box  
22745, Long Beach, CA  
90801-5745**

Tel. 310-639-5300 Fax. 310-631-3913



**NEW CHARGERS FOR HT'S**

Kenwood is pleased to announce the addition of two new handheld/desktop battery chargers to support several new and older Kenwood HT's. The KSC-14 is a rapid rate, dual station charger for charging two batteries with built-in intelligence to rapid charge battery (1) to full charge capacity then automatically switches to battery (2) to avoid battery damage. The KSC-8A is a single station regular rate charger with 110V and 220V versions. These chargers are designed to charge the TH-79A, TH-22/42AT. Both have a unique cup adapter that when removed, permits charging of batteries for the following older Kenwood handheld radios: TH25,26,45,46,55,75 and 77 as well as charge the following batteries: KNB-5,6,7; PB-5,6,7,8,9, and 11 as well as the new PB-32,33 and 34.

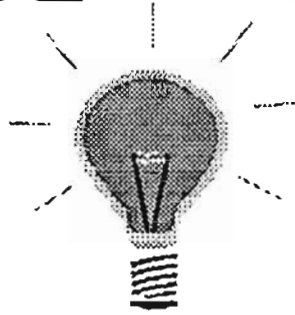
**KENWOOD SERVICE EAST**

For the Kenwood Amateur radio customer on the East coast, Kenwood has a SERVICE AND REPAIR CENTER in Virginia Beach, VA. This new center not only saves on expensive UPS shipping costs, but also cuts down unneeded shipping time to California from the East coast. If you have any questions regarding repair on your Kenwood Amateur radios, call or write to:

**KENWOOD SERVICE EAST**

829 Lynnhaven Pkwy, Suite 130  
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

PHONE: 804-340-1702  
FAX: 804-340-8809



Got any bright ideas for the next Kenwood Report? We would love to hear from your club! What can Kenwood do to help your club be more successful and fun for all? You can write to us at:  
Kenwood Information Highway,  
P.O. Box 22745, Long Beach,  
CA 90801-5745

ATTN: Amateur Radio Group

FAX: 310-537-8235

**MIL-SPEC / TOP SPEC**

The TM-241A\*, 2 meter (144 MHz) mono-band mobile radio now has a military specification rating. This rating is the same used by commercial units. This reliable workhorse radio is by far the smallest in its class and remains by far the easiest to operate. \* (from ser# 508000, except M2 & M3 versions).

**UP-COMING EVENTS FOR KENWOOD AMATEUR RADIO PRODUCTS GROUP**

FEB 4-5, MIAMI HAMFEST

FEB 16, TS-50S 2nd  
BIRTHDAY PARTY!

FEB 17-18, HAMCATION

FEB 25, TGIK at JUN'S

CAN WE LIST YOUR FUTURE  
EVENT?

**A VIEW FROM THE TOP**

I cannot express to everyone just how thrilled we all are at Kenwood about the tremendous response from you for Kenwood information. From the beginning I envisioned a multi-faceted program where Kenwood and all Amateur radio clubs could communicate. This KENWOOD REPORT is only the beginning of information that we can share with each other. Please be patient, we must walk before we can run. I want to stress to all clubs, whether you have 20 members or 200 members, the Kenwood Report and whatever follows is of your wishes and suggestions. For Kenwood our mission is simple. Our wish is to educate everyone about our products, provide support to clubs so that they can better serve their community, while making Amateur radio a fun hobby for all. Amateur radio clubs are the true main stream and blood of this hobby. To many it is more than a hobby, it can help save lives, and provide support when and where it is most needed. I have long been angry of the sometimes poor image that stereotypes hams by non-Amateurs. One of my personal goals is to help clubs inform cellular phone users what they are missing by not being part of the Amateur radio community. I'm looking forward to hearing from you all soon!

73

Paul Middleton, KD6NUH