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K5WA on 144.950MHz

or

Connect to TDXS95 (144.950MHz) and then connect to K5WA

The Prez Sez – de Chuck, KE5FI

Look forward to Chuck's column next month (ed.)

The Texas QSO Party

The New, Bigger, Better...Texas QSO Party May 4-5
1996

Sponsored by the Texas DX Society
1400Z May 4 to 2200z May 5

Classes:

Single op, Multi-single and Texas Armadillo Expedition
Mixed Mode Only

Exchange:

Send QSO # and Texas County or State/Canadian
Province

Rules:

Texas stations work everyone. Others work Texas Only.
Only one transmitted signal at a time. CW QSO's must be
made in CW subbands, except on 160. Work stations
once per band/mode for QSO points. work Texas
Armadillo stations again on same band or mode as they
change counties for multiplier credit only. Multipliers count
only once regardless of band or mode. CW- 1.805 and 40
kHz up, Phone- 1.850, 3.850, 7.230, 14.250, 21.300,
28.450.

Scoring:

Score 2 pts/QSO on Phone and 3pts/QSO on CW. Final
score is QSO points x Texas Counties (max 254). Texas
stations multiply by States, Canadian Provinces and
Texas Counties. DX counts for QSO points only.

Awards:

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 **next meeting is Friday
February 9, 1996** at the Harris County 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.

Weekly Net – The Texas DX Society holds a weekly
contest/DX information net on its repeater 147.96/36. All
check ins are welcome. The net meets Tuesday at 8:30
P.M.

How to Reach Us

On the World Wide Web:

<http://wb5fnd.tech.uh.edu:80/~tdxs/>

On 2 Meters:

147.96/36 MHz

On Packet:

The TDXS Bullshead

Texas Wine Baskets and Plaques to top class finishers
Special Awards to Texas Clubs with most logs submitted
Special Awards to Multi-single and Texas County
Expedition with the most Novice/Tech operators (List
them with a /T or /N in your list of operators on summary
sheet) Work 50 or more Texas Counties for Special
Commemorative Cap. Work all 254 Texas Counties for
free air fare to the 1996 Houston Ham Convention!

Send logs and summary sheet via mail, disk or E-Mail
within 30 days. TDXS, POB 540291, Houston, TX 77254
/ e-mail KB5YVT@AOL.COM Results will be posted on
the INTERNET Contest Reflector, Sent with a SASE or via
E-Mail. TQP is Supported by NA Contest Software from
LTA @ (216)-565-9950 and TR Contest Software @ (512)
416-7010

Propagation - de Roy, AD5Q

The days are now getting longer at an accelerating pace,
but it is still winter. The 20 Meter DX GroundHog works a
few JA's at sunrise on 80, then gets up to stretch and take
a look outside. Peering at the sun and seeing no spots, he
knows it will be a few months until night path propagation
returns to his favorite band. Actually, things aren't that
bad. If only the shack were heated.

DX comes through for most of the day on 20, and is about
the only band that is currently playing across depths. QRN
levels are low in the winter. After the band closes to
Europe (when it gets dark there), openings remain to
points further south. Africans can be found on the band
almost anytime. Towards evening, 20 opens southeast to
the Antarctic for possible Asiatic long path. Asia also
opens up for short path work. Has anyone in the USA
heard that 15 watt VU4 yet? 20 should be a good band in
the ARRL CW contest, but proximity to Europe will also be
a factor.

At the peak of the cycle it is hard to believe that there are
times when it is easier to work Europe on 80 than on 15,
but we are there now. Still, the east, west and southerly
paths are often workable on 15. Activity is sparse. At
night, everybody moves to the low bands.

Quiet winter nights are great for DXing on all the low
bands. Activity is often thin to Europe on 40 because
people don't stay up all night, and because the MUF along
this path is often too low nowadays. As spring
approaches, the MUF problem will diminish. Paths will
shift as the night grows shorter. For now, it is good to
catch the sunrise peak on the other side of the world. This
can be said of all the low bands. On 40, Russians are
easily workable. On lower frequencies polar paths are
very difficult, but the sunrise sweep across Europe brings

out the best of 80 and 160. This occurs after midnight in
W5-Land, and an extra hour later on the East Coast.
Except in contests, these openings belong to those who
stay up late for them. Easterners, however, get lowband
openings before our sunset that we can only dream of.

Because of the shortwave broadcast problem on 40 and
the difficulty of 160, SSB ops tend to watch 75 Meters very
closely. This band has more activity and competition than
80 CW. Activity from the Middle East tends to show
predominantly on SSB. On CW, we work primarily Europe
and Africa. Been there? Done that? There is always 160,
which has special requirements in terms of real estate,
antennas and patience.

<http://www.nol.net/~ids/prop.html> E-Mail:
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and put in the body:

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To send mail to the list, it's tdxs-list@wb5fnd.tech.uh.edu.
(or tdxs-list@n5lrv.org if you don't want type that much).

XE2FU - de Dave, WB5N

There is still time to sign up for both the CW and Phone
ARRL DX contests. Please contact me as soon as
possible. (713) 520-5906 or dsarkozi@phoenix.net

DX Gleanings - de Sharp, K5DX

8Q, MALDIVIVE ISLANDS. HB9CYV AND HB9CZR will be
active February 14-20th probably as 8Q7YV and
8Q7ZR on 10 thru 80 meters and possibly on 160.
9A, CROATIA. K4XU will be active through most of
February as 9A/K4XU or 9A4XU. Qsl via Dick
Frey, 2927 Curved Creek, Quincy, IL 62301.
C56, THE GAMBIA. Several German hams will be active
on SSB and CW March 4-18th with two stations
on the air. Call signs not known at this time. Qsls
go to DL7DF (ex-DL7U0).
SCARBOROUGH REEF, has been added to the DXCC list
effective April 1, 1996 for Qsos January 1, 1995
and later.
TU, IVORY COAST. TU5A will be active in the ARRL DX
CW Contest February 17-18th. Qsl via W8AEF.

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Several operators hope to be active with their personal calls a few days earlier.

ZK1, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS. K8PDY and WT8S to be active February 17-24th as ZK1PYD and ZK1WTS.

A3, KINGDOM OF TONGA. KK6H will sign A35RK February 20-March 20 1700-1900z and 0500-0900z. Qsl to W7TSQ, Robert Preston, 809 Cary Road, Edmonds, WA 98020 or W7 bureau to W7TSQ.

P5, NORTH KOREA. Rumors that OH0XX, OH2BH or other operators mid to late February.

VP5, TURKS & CAICOS. VP5/K8JP mostly CW on low bands February 11-19th. Qsl to

K8JP, Joe Pontek, Box 59573, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0573.

That's all folks!
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DXAC doings, de Jim, N5DC

By now, you probably know, **Pratas** has been approved, by the DXAC, on a second vote. Also, the ARRL board have followed the Membership Services Committee's recommendation, and approved **Scarboro Reef**, as a new one. This reverses the vote of the DXAC. There is a move afoot to delete **Mt. Athos**. The head Monks do not want amateur radio operations from Mt. Athos, in spite of Monk Apollo's continued operations. At this writing, I favor leaving Mt. Athos alone, but am open to any input from any DX'er in the West Gulf region. We will be voting some time in late February on this issue, so if you have any input lay it on me. 73 see you in the pileup(if I can find one)!

INTERNET Goodies

I am pleased to announce a new mailing list dedicated to the reporting of contest scores: 3830@akorn.net. Many thanks to Bill Fisher, KM9P, for setting this up. The purpose of this list is to provide a forum for people who wish to report their scores after contests, much like the post-contest "Liar's Net" on 3830 kHz. Scores posted to the 3830 list will be summarized daily to the CQ-Contest list during the week following a contest weekend.

I hope that the creation of this group will help off load some of the traffic from CQ-Contest and help keep its focus on discussion rather than score reporting. This change will be transparent to those wish to continue to see all traffic by subscribing to the new list as well (send a message to 3830-request@akorn.net that says SUBSCRIBE).

--Trey, WN4KKN/6

Latitude/Longitude Search by City:

gopher://gopher.bucknell.edu:4320/7geo%20search

Contest Scores:

<http://www.akorn.net/hamradio/3830>

Global Propagation Maps, updated hourly:

<http://solar.uleth.ca/solar>

"The Battle of the Hams" article that originally appeared in Sports Illustrated, June 30, 1958.

<http://www.accessone.com/~vbook/1996/jan/hams.htm>

SCORES

NAQP CW January

single op			
KM9P/4	834	199	165,966
NP4Z	813	203	165,039
NM5M	779	201	156,579
N4BP	825	182	150,150
N4ZZ	811	181	146,791
KF3P	703	205	144,115
K5GA	726	198	143,748
KZ2S	699	201	140,499
@ N2RT			
K5ZD/1	671	195	130,845
AD5Q	673	171	115,083
KZ8E	611	163	99,593
W5ASP	335	84	28,140
multi-op			
K7UP	1025	194	198,850
ops KN5H,K7UP			

Contest Calendar

February, 1996

North American Sprint, Phone	0000Z-0400Z, Feb 4
IDRA WW Dig WPX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Feb 10 to 2400Z, Feb 11
Dutch PACC Contest	1200Z, Feb 10 to 1200Z, Feb 11
RGSB 1.8 MHz Contest, CW	2100Z, Feb 10 to 0100Z, Feb 11
North American Sprint, CW	0000Z-0400Z, Feb 11
ARRL School Roundup	1300Z-0100Z, Feb 12 to Feb 16
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Feb 17 to 2400Z, Feb 18
CQ 160-Meter Contest, Phone	2200Z, Feb 23 to 1600Z, Feb 25
RGSB 7 MHz DX Contest, CW	1500Z, Feb 24 to 0900Z, Feb 25

March, 1996

ARRL Inter. DX Contest, Phone	0000Z, Mar 2 to 2400Z, Mar 3
RGSB Commonwealth Contest, CW	1200Z, Mar 9 to 1200Z, Mar 10
Bermuda Contest	0001Z, Mar 16 to 2400Z, Mar 17
BARTG WW RTTY Contest	0200Z, Mar 16 to 0200Z, Mar 18
CQWW WPX Contest, Phone	0000Z, Mar 30 to 2400Z, Mar 31