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## 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 annual banquet (see below) will serve as the January meeting.** Regular meetings are the first Friday of the month at the Harris County Tracy Gee Community Center.

## 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:  
K5WA on 144.950MHz  
or  
Connect to TDXS95 (144.950MHz) and then connect to K5WA

## Banquet Announcement

1996 TEXAS DX SOCIETY WINTER BANQUET

THE WYNDHAM WARWICK  
5701 MAIN STREET  
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77005  
JANUARY 27, 1996

6:30 P.M. FOR CASH BAR & HORS D'OEUVRES  
7:15 P.M. FOR DINNER

### MENU

CHICKEN BREAST ROULADE WITH SHRIMP, SPINACH,  
ANDOUILLE SAUSAGE

SERVED WITH  
BROCCOLI

CARROT AMANDINE  
NEW POTATOES

WHITE/DARK CHOCOLATE MOUSSE CAKE  
COFFEE, TEA

**Cost:** \$ 5.00 per member and \$5.00 per member's significant other. \$25.00 per non member

**Special Offer:** Past members re-new their membership by paying their \$10.00 re-activation fee, and their 1996 dues (\$25.00 for Houston residents). THIS entitles past members to come back into the fold, feel good all over, enjoy an evening with old friends.

I'm sure we all know of someone out there who has gone to the dark side as far as membership in the TDXS is concerned. Now is an excellent opportunity to put the "heavy" to those old friends out there and bring them back into the only organization that has any possibility, at all, of ever understanding them and their true inner needs. After all, haven't some of our old friends been away far too

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long, already ??? Enough, already, Let's get 'em back in here !!

### THE N5RP TDXS 1996 RECRUITMENT CONTRACT:

For every current member(A) that brings a lapsed member(B) back into the club, and if that member(A) attends the banquet, and if the used to be lapsed member(B) attends the banquet, N5RP will personally buy that member (A) a beverage of his(A), or her(A), choice. (N5RP will most likely go begging to the board for adjustment compensation at a later date.)

Please confirm you plans to attend by sending your payment (along with your dues) to our Treasure, Madison Jones AB5TV, 3631 Colwood Dr., Spring TX 77388.

### From the Editor – de Dave, WB5N

I'm back for another year. Chuck, KE5FI was surprised when I asked for this position again. I must admit that I actually enjoy putting *The Bullsheet* together each month (printing and mailing is another thing!). During 1995 I know there was a contesting slant to *The Bullsheet*. I would like more DX material to put in, if you have any please forward it to me. I'd like it in computer format of some kind, but contributions in any format are welcome. I can be reached at (713) 520-5906, or E-mail dsarkozi@phoenix.net.

### The Prez Sez – de Chuck, KE5FI

Just as I was downloading my e-mail today in preparation to write this, I saw a message on the contest reflector telling about a CBer in Ohio who was arrested by the sheriff's department for interfering with his neighbor's TV set! I'm sure that got a lot of people's attention. A later posting from someone in the area stated that the CBer had made threats against the neighbor over the air which the neighbor had recorded and they were evidently sufficient to press charges and get a warrant for his arrest. The CBer was in an apartment with a whip on the balcony.

Sprint is coming up soon. Please get your name and call to K5WA early so he can turn in the teams. TDXS#1 won first place in the last sprint after a score correction. Lets go for it again!

The TDXS banquet should be fine affair on Saturday night, January 27 at the Wyndam-Warwick on South Main. The menu looks great (sorry Frank, its fowl) and, best of all, it only costs \$5 each for TDXS members and their spouses. Please send your 1996 dues along with the payment for the banquet. See you there!

### A Challenge – de Dennis, AA7VB

The following is a challenge worthy of TDXS consideration due to its enormity, its audacity and its general lack of any

redeeming value to solving any worldly social issues. Therefore, this challenge falls into the same category as the Armadillo Run, XE2FU World Record efforts, TDXS/KP5 and Corolla Consumption Time Trials (see XE2FU above).

TIME: ARRL DX or CQWW CW 1996/97  
PLACE: VP2E and ????  
WHO: ALL TRUE PAST AND PRESENT TDXS MEMBERS  
WHY: LET THE WORLD KNOW THE TDXS IS BACK !!  
HOW: CHOSE UP SIDES AND MAN TWO WORLD CLASS MULTI MULTI's DOWN IN THE CARIBBEAN TO TAKE 1st & 2nd PLACE STANDINGS IN THE CONTEST

Aaah, yes! That's where the fun begins TDXS style. Take a bunch of madmen and point them in the same direction and there is going to be trouble. Take that same group, split them up into two groups and aim them at each other and you have anarchy which is a particular idiosyncrasy of the TDXS that has been dormant for quite awhile.

The Challenge really is WHICH TDXS TEAM WILL BE NUMERO UNO ?

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TEAM CARIB

These are my guys and gals. We are going to VP2E. The towers and most of the antennas will be in place before we arrive for the contest. We will operate from the VP2EHF/VP2EE QTH. We will have up to five positions that can be set up looking something like this:

- 1 tribander 4el @ 60'
- 2 tribander
- 3 4el 20
- 4 tribander, 2el 40
- 5 80 wires, multiband vertical

160 stuff, extra vertical and other wire antennas will exist to expand the capabilities to fit our game plan. The Manns will vacate the entire house for us. There are plenty of sleeping facilities, shady spots for coolers and a juicy VP2E callsign available. A second house nearby with two bedrooms can be added to the list that could house XYL's not into sweaty pits and TDXS contest enthusiasm which for some reason can only be expressed in four letter word groups.

Lieske will show the ladies around Anguilla and they can take the ferry over to ST. Martin to set their own records with VISA and MASTERCARD.

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Each of the operating positions will have a 12vdc power source already in place and 120/240vac available to power any combination of rigs. Multiband filters will probably also be available.

Those 12vdc supplies will mean one heck of a lot less weight to be carried down to the island from the States. This is a very do able deal with a minimum of effort. The cost per person will depend on how many troops will step forward to be on the winning Team One. We do not have a team name yet but our motto will be: WE DO IT WITH OUR FINGERS.

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TEAM TWO

Rumor has it that some of the TDXS boys already have a thing going down at VP2M. PERFECT! Those guys plus anyone dumb enough to expand their ranks could make up Team Two. I'd like to appoint Joe W5ASP as their Captain because he does not seem to have anything to do anyway! From what I hear, we can call this group of has beens the OL' FARTS....or they can pick their own name.

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BUT, if you prefer really good Caribbean rum, want to win, know a good Tee shirt printer and love big rate, you better take a look at Team One. If you can run 'em at 200+ or want to learn how, you should join my gang.

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Comments from AA (as in Alcoholics Anonymous) 7VB

Anyone interested in getting their blood pumping again and feeling their juices stir after reading the CHALLENGE should step up and have some good ol' fashion TDXS fun. The TDXS Vagabond Corps made up of wayward transplants like myself as well as our long list of just plain pissed off drop outs should give this Challenge serious consideration as a great time to converge at a neat spot to re live, re kindle, and re vitalize the glory of the TDXS.

Its pretty easy to whine, grip and moan about the lack of excitement and sense of urgency in the TDXS right now. Heck, that's not particularly new within the TDXS. We ALWAYS do that! What is missing is some sort of group commitment to something ANYTHING! Challenges like the one presented above are what made the TDXS a fun successful club that we proudly boast we belong to. TDXS vests, hats, shirts and QSL's were visible signs of our pride.

The sweat and time commitment we gave to our joint efforts is what gave us something to be proud of. If all this sounds like crap to you, then you have an attitude problem. You should do all us a favor and let your membership lapse and save the rest of us from the "poison apple" syndrome you bring to the table. I would rather belong to a small proud active TDXS than one full of doomsday types.

The TDXS that many say they enjoyed in the past was made up of individual winners...not whiners...who pooled their energies reaching for seemingly impossible goals. Well, actually we whined a lot, too. But, it wasn't over petty "who really gives a damn" trivia that always seems to float up whenever dynamic people are in a stagnant environment.

We argued about REAL megalomaniac, ego inflating, "Mine is bigger than yours (antennas, of course)", "Who the #!@%\* do they think they are" stuff of substance! Or so we believed at the time...and that's all that really matters. Oh, yes. All you guys who quit the club or stomped out in a huff never to be seen again relax. You aren't so special or terminally unique. Its been done before by nearly all true TDXS believers. Its time to laugh at yourself, let us laugh with you and come back like the rest of us did. I used to quit nearly every time I got drunk at a club meeting which was somewhat of a monthly event for me in my own inflated self worth days. Now I'm the same crusty loud mouth guys but a bit older and sober (much to the dismay of Miller Brewing).

The club has a way of fixing guys like you and me. THEY MAKE YOU AN OFFICER ! IT'S HORRIBLE ! Then YOU have to deal with all those animals slumped over in their chairs out in front of you at the meetings. I found being an officer (eg. Whipping Boy) was an excellent excuse for dropping out the club after my sentence had been paid. From the looks of the current active roster, others have taken the same opportunity. Now that I cannot have the benefit of being in Houston to be an active participant in the club I can truly feel a sense of loss that surely others feel as well.

The current state of affairs as I understand it from a distance can be restored to the energy of the past so very easily. All that is needed is some commitment to have some good ol' TDXS fun in an effort that would begin to pump pride back into the lifeblood of the membership.

I strongly believe *The Challenge* would give both old-timers and the fresh new blood the chance to merge together to link the energy of the past with the potential of the future.

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A lot of the dynamic forces in the club have moved out but the nucleus that is left plus all the potential movers and shakers in the newcomer ranks can stimulate the vigor of the past. But it cannot be done just with talk. Action and commitment speak loud and clear, though. So Jan, Richard, Tom, George, Al and the rest of the wandering souls lets get off our middle aged butts and grab some of those new kids and take them on a TDXS adventure. Lets show them how we want it done in the name of the TDXS as their turn comes up. We managed 20 TDXS'ers on each of two ARRL Test week- ends at XE2FU. Is there any reason we can't man two IN YOUR FACE teams with this much notice?

Put my name at the top of the list for TEAM CARIB. I need Station Captains, a Grocery King, Antenna Slinger, Computer Geek, Travel Logistic Weenie, Camp Drunk, K5DX to keep the mob under control and all the folks I can find that talk with their fingers! I'm sure Joe needs help in all those categories, too except for Blanket Butt judging from his probable crew. Let us know your intentions, thoughts, suggestions...at least let us know you are still alive and taking breath! JUST DO IT!

Contact me, Dennis (The Menace) Motschenbacher, at home (303)-791-4977 or FAX 791-4949. Address: 600 W. County Line Rd, Apt 31-202, Highlands Ranch, CO, 80126

P.S.

HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YA ON ALL BANDS FROM VP2EWW-ARRL CW,

J3??? BETWEEN TESTS, AND V4??-ARRL PHONE.

### Contest Corner - de Bob, N5RP

Scores that have recently been posted to serve as final results for the CW WAE contest of last Spring show the following:

41st Worked All Europe DX Contest 1995  
----- WAEDC CW 1995 -----

#### NUMBER ONE HIGH SCORE

ZC4C 2,489,590 DX - Multi Operator Single TX

#### NUMBER TWO HIGH SCORE

VP2MDE 1,419,268 DX - Single Operator

These stations made up the balance of the top scores:

RZ9U 1,307,293 DX - Single Op  
RK9XWH 1,262,352 DX - Multi Op Single TX  
RU1A 1,147,936 Europe - Multi Op Single TX

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| EX8W   | 1,113,778 | DX - Single Op          |
| RK9CWW | 1,106,826 | DX - Multi Op Single TX |
| N3RD   | 1,090,800 | DX - Multi Op Single TX |
| KE2PF  | 968,760   | DX - Single Op          |
| K5NA   | 959,102   | DX - Multi Op Single TX |

Of special note worthiness are the following facts: VP2MDE placed as a number two high score, even while being a single op category. VP2MDE won the category for which the station competed. Out of the top ten scores, there are two TDXS operators positioned in the pack. Do you, as a fellow TDXS'er know their names and their calls??

### The Texas QSO Party

The Texas QSO Party has been moved back to the first weekend in May (May 4-5, 1996). This will coincide with the CW County Hunters Contest. There have been some rule changes, but it can now be scored using the California QSO Party rules (and software!). TQP is being organized by John K5EC, Mike KB5YVT, and Henry W5HNS

### XE2FU - de Dave, WB5N

I have been in contact with Juan Soza, N5LNU and we are confirmed for operating XE2FU for ARRL DX CW and Phone 1996. We plan to leave for Larado Wednesday February 14 after work and cross the border into Mexico in the (Thursday February 15) morning to work on the antennas. You can return either Sunday night or Monday morning. If there is no major antenna work to be done we'll leave for the phone weekend on the evening of Thursday February 29 and cross the border on Friday morning to set up.

I just got pictures as a description of the antennas at XE2FU (isn't the INTERNET grand!). The accumulated damage of our 4 year absence is not bad. We need to straighten a few twisted antennas, replace a director on a 204BA, and on a TA-33. N5RP has already volunteered the parts. One of the CATV cable runs is kinked (I think that's old damage) We'll need a way to splice that. If anyone knows a good permanent way to splice CATV cable let me know.

We need to put up wires for 160 and 80 meters for sure. northeast and northwest beverages or EWE's would sure be nice. We should build those antennas before we leave. I think the 90' tower is tall enough to support a delta loop for 80. Anyone have a bunch of wire?

Right now we are planning to operate Multi-two for the contest. That means that we should really have three radios set up (two run and a multiplier/spare). A fourth would sure be nice to have in reserve. We also need laptops that can be networked with CT or NA for logging. I'm sure we can run at least 300 watts so a couple of small

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amplifiers would sure be nice. Wire and coax will also be needed. Also desk lamps, keys, headphones/headsets etc.

We need to provide Juan with a list of equipment we are bringing in so he can clear it with the Mexican authorities for us soon. If you are planning to go and will be bringing equipment, or are willing to loan equipment let me know as soon as possible.

Everyone is welcome and several have already signed up for at least one weekend. I think there will be a group coming down late on Friday so please don't feel like you have to come down Wednesday, operators will be needed.

You will need to bring water and food for yourself. There is no running water on the ranch. The "facilities" are an outhouse. Weather can be freeze or fry. Bring your own bedding if you can (sleeping bag and pad or cot) There are beds and cots for about 4 or 5 persons in the house. A few more can sleep on the floor. If the crowd gets large a few may have to sleep in tents outside.

The road into the ranch can be rough and trucks and other high clearance vehicles are best, but passenger cars can make it in if its dry and they take it easy. I'll try to match riders with vehicles if you let me know what your taking.

Let me know if you plan to attend and what you can bring as soon as possible. Contact me at (713) 520-5906 or dsarkozi@phoenix.net.

### **DX Gleanings – de Sharp, K5DX**

KE5FI asked me to continue with this column in 1996, so here goes:

**4L, GEORGIA (FIRST SATELLITE OPERATION).** 4L1R is active through 1/18 on AO-10 on 145.885 and AO-13 on 145.890. QSL manager to be announced.

**A6, U. A. E. A61AN** near 14216 between 1400 and 1530Z. QSL to Nasir Fekri, P.O. Box 53656, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

**FR5, REUNION ISLAND.** FR5AK OR FR/F6EDF ON 14190 kHz listening up 5 kHz through 1/19.

**VK9C & VK9X, COCOS-KEELING & CHRISTMAS ISLANDS,** respectively. VK9XY, active February 4-13th. VK9CR active February 14-23rd. All HF bands plus satellites, CW and SSB. No digital modes. QSL to DK7NP, Rudi Hein, Am Uferholz 7, D-96047 Bamberg, Germany.

**5R, MADAGASCAR.** F2JD will be active for 6 months starting around January 20th.

**9M2, WEST MALAYSIA,** Penang Island, IOTA AS-015 working on 17, 30, 40 and 80M. Qsl to Tex Izumo, Bukit Dumber Apt, 9-4, 97 Jalan Thomas 11700, Gelugor, Penang, Malaysia or to JA0DMV via JARL.

**HK0, SANTA CATALINA ISLAND.** HK0/DF4UW to be active thru 1/24.

**TG9, GUATEMALA.** TG9IKE (K4TT) is now active thru 1/10 on CW 5 KHz up from the band edges. Qsl CBA.

**VU, INDIA.** VU2BMS (DL2GAC) is active on 40 and 80M SSB thru January.

**BV9, PRATAS ISLAND.** Will be a new country for DXCC for contacts made 1/1/1994 and after. The DXCC Desk will start accepting the confirmations starting 4/1/1996.

**LU6, SOUTH ORKNEY ISLAND.** LU6Z has been active near 7005 and 3505 kHz. Qsl via LU6EF.

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## INTERNET Goodies

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CQ Contest Web Page

<http://www.access.digex.net/~cqmag/cqtest.html>

FCC Web Page (includes downloadable forms)

<http://fcc.gov>

1997 Expedition to Heard Island Web site:

[http://www.ccnnet.com/~cordell/HI/scoping/HI97\\_Index.html](http://www.ccnnet.com/~cordell/HI/scoping/HI97_Index.html)

Reverse Beacon

<http://www.chilton.com/scripts/radio/R8-receiver>

Search Engine:

<http://www.altavista.digital.com/>

This site is owned by DEC. They have a machine that visits ALL web sites in the world and downloads their visible pages. They then cross reference all of the words found into a database. You can search for strings and it will return all WWW sites/pages that contain that string (or something close to it!). You can find anything. Because it searches for strings, you often find some surprising links that you would have never thought of.

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## Wanted

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Dennis, AA7VB/KZ5M is looking for a DVK voice keyer. Do any of you who have gone to DVP boards want to part with one of yours?

Please E-mail to me and I will forward the info.

73 & DX,

Tom, K5RC  
TomK5RC@aol.com

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### SCORES

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TDXS WINS! It seems that AA7VB's (Dennis, ex KZ5M) 80 meter score was left out of the **September 1995 CW Sprint** score. The correction (already agreed to by N6TR) will put TDXS in the #1 positions. (K5GA, K7UP-op KN5H, NM5M, AD5Q, KC5PRF, W5ASP, W5NN-op KB5YVT, KI3L, N5DU, AA7VB)

K5GA was the #1 overall and K7UP #4.

TDXS also took the top honors in the **August 1995 CW North American QSO Party**. (K5GA, K5GN, K7UP-op KN5H, AD5Q, W5ASP)

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### Contest Calendar

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#### January, 1996

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| Third SquiNT Contest (kids)    | 2100Z-2230Z, Jan 1             |
| ARRL RTTY Roundup              | 1800Z, Jan 6 to 2400Z, Jan 7   |
| Japan Int. DX Contest, 160-40m | 2200Z, Jan 12 to 2200Z, Jan 14 |
| North Amer. QSO Party, CW      | 1800Z, Jan 13 to 0600Z, Jan 14 |
| North Amer. QSO Party, Phone   | 1800Z, Jan 20 to 0600Z, Jan 21 |
| ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes   | 1900Z, Jan 20 to 0400Z, Jan 22 |
| CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW       | 2200Z, Jan 26 to 1600Z, Jan 28 |
| UBA Contest, Phone             | 1300Z, Jan 27 to 1300Z, Jan 28 |

#### February, 1996

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| 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 |

## DUES FORM FOR 1996 TDXS MEMBERSHIP

(please make checks payable and mail to:

**The Texas DX Society**

**P.O. Box 540291**

**Houston, TX 77254-0291**

\$25.00.....1..... FULL MEMBERSHIP (AVAILABLE ONLY TO A 1995 MEMBER WHO HAS ATTENDED AT LEAST FOUR (4) 1995 MEETINGS)

\$25.00.....2..... ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (1996 CLASSIFICATION OF A 1995 MEMBER WHO DID NOT ATTEND AT LEAST FOUR (4) 1995 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 1996 DUES PAYMENT FOR ANY MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY IF DUES PAYMENT IS MADE AFTER JAN. 31, 1996.

\$10.00..... REQUIRED FEE SO AS TO RE-ACTIVATE A MEMBERSHIP THAT WAS EXPIRED FOR 1995.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ DUES AMOUNT INCLUDED FOR CATEGORY   1  ,   2  ,   3  ,   

CALLSIGN: \_\_\_\_\_ TDXS MEMBER # \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE (OPTIONAL): \_\_\_\_\_

PRIOR CALLSIGNS: \_\_\_\_\_