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radio projects and things got away from me. I fear most of you will not receive this until after the meeting (but the E-Bullsheat will be out).

## The Prez Sez – de Chuck, KE5FI

May already. Time for Dayton Hamvention, the 16th, 17th and the 18th. Not sure how many are going from the club, but should be a few. I do know Mike, K5UO, Chuck, KE5FI and Jim, N5DC will be going. Probably Joe, W5ASP will use the excuse of visiting his son in Ohio to make it again. Should be a fun time. To big a crowd for me though, I'll stick to the California trip in April.

Don't forget and let Field Day slip up on you. It will be here before you know it. Just one more month and the hot weather will be upon us. Please try to make the May meeting as I'm sure Dale, KG5U will have lots to put forth and get ironed out. So be sure to reserve June 28th and 29th. And don't forget the great feed on the Friday night before. Be There..

Well it looks like the boys are on from Scarborough Reef as planned. Seems they have some antennas and a few watts this time. Heard em last night on 20SSB and they were coming in about S7 at my station. Linda got in the log for a new one for her. She now just needs 3 for the top. Hope all that need or want it will get in their log. Even if you're not chasing countries, it counts as a separate IOTA island. For CW, I've just heard'em on 14.024 in the mornings. I hope they will do some 40 meter operating in the evenings. That should be a good path for us. Not sure about the meeting site this month, so look over to the left and check it out. Wherever, plan to make it and I'll CU there.

73 es GUD DX, de Bob, N5ET

## Contest Corner – de Joe, W5ASP

As expected the Heard Island DXpedition was the feature presentation of this year's annual DX Convention in Fresno, CA. Bob, N5ET and I did the honors for TDXS along with Dennis, K7VB who came over from Reno for

## 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 on **Thursday May 8, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at Antonio's Flying Pizza at 2920 Hillcroft**, south of Westheimer on the west side of Hillcroft. It has a really big sign out front.

## How to Reach Us

On the World Wide Web:

<http://n5uh.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

## From the Editor – de Dave, WB5N

Sorry about the lateness of the Bullsheat this month. I've been wrapped up in several very time consuming none

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the weekend's events. There were several other good DX talks...

Yaesu and ICOM had new HF radios to show... lots of active DXers... and a good representation from overseas. The facility is a definite step up from Visalia with good service and lots of room for the crowd. Put it on your agenda for next year, if you want a full weekend of the DX and Contest sorta stuff.

Haven't been hearing much about the Texas QSO Party set for this weekend. I'd thought that Bob, W5SJS and I might do a few counties on the way back from South Texas after our spring turkey hunt, but I had to beg off. Hope a few of you do get out and about.

The May CQ published the results for the '96 CQ WPX CW. TDXS finished way down in the Club Competition. Apparently there was another score other than mine, but I never found out who it was from the listings.

ARRL Sweepstakes was an entirely different story. Mucho activity from the TDXS crowd. Dale, KG5U won STX QRP; Earl, N5TU took STX LP; and K5GA, K5NA, K5GN, W5ASP and N5DU all broke the 1000 Q mark in HP. Even had a multi entry from AB5TV. Steve, KN5H (at K7UP) made the Top Ten HP. Randy, K5ZD's writeup again did him proud. Next month should have the phone results and the club standings.

WPX CW is coming up May 23-25. And there should be a sizable gathering of TDXS types in Dayton the weekend of May 16th.

### Results

1996 CQ WW WPX CW  
VP5Z (W5ASP) 2001 Qs x 713 Pfx = 3.4M #2 World 20M S/O

1996 ARRL SS CW		
KG5U	549 x 78 = 85,644	#1 STX QRP
KZ8E	896 x 75 = 134,400	#1 STX LP
K5GA	1257 x 78 = 196,092	#2 STX HP
K5NA	1228 x 77 = 189,112	#3 STX HP
K5GN	1138 x 77 = 175,252	#4 STX HP
W5ASP	1108 x 78 = 172,848	#5 STX HP
N5DU	1028 x 78 = 160,368	#6 STX HP
K5RC	802 x 78 = 125,112	#7 STX HP
KB5YVT	713 x 75 = 106,950	#8 STX HP
AB5TV	556 x 74 = 82,288	#2 STX LP M/S
K5MA	650 x 78 = 101,400	#3 EMA HP
KN5H	1323 x 78 = 206,388	#1 NM HP

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### DX Column – de Buzz N5UR

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BS7H A TOTAL FARCE

Another "major" expedition goes out with a whimper. As I sit hear at 0900Z Saturday, I find the BS7H guys went home early, without even giving the W5s a shot except on 20 meters. Amazingly BS7H went QRT only after Japan had a full weekend day to work them without competition, but before the US hams who have to work for a living found they won't have a chance for BS7 until the next millennia. All the pre-expedition publicity with 18 frequencies apparently only applied to JAs and Europeans. They missed every good 40 meter opening to our area, and apparently had trouble keeping two rigs on the air. Their RTTY equipment failed as did attempts to get on 160 and 80. It seems to me that QSO count, translated into maximum \$ contributions is all that matters anymore. Trying to watch propagation and work all areas is only given lip service. Congratulations to the many of you who did work them.

As you might infer, I am tired of planning my schedule to listen for and work expeditions that make no attempt to operate according to their advance publicity. Maybe things will improve in May!

The next big one is 3C0DX - The DXpedition to Annobon Island (IOTA AF-039) is confirmed from 20 to 27 May. Three stations will be working simultaneously on SSB, CW, RTTY and Satellite, 24 hours a day. QSL via EA4URE. Donations are welcome at U.R.E., Avda Monte Igueldo 102, Madrid 28018, Spain. For further information check at <http://www.ure.es/3c0dx.html> This group has done a good job in the past!

The best INTERNET DX newsletter is the Italian 425 bulletin available a <http://www.eurolink.it/cgi-bin/nph-425dxnews>. It has info on most dxpeditions, island expeditions, a calendar of events, QSL info, and award info. Check them out and subscribe to their free weekly newsletter. Those of you looking for QSL info might want to join the QSL reflector by writing [qsl@larry.wu3v.net](mailto:qsl@larry.wu3v.net).

### US Islands Award

This award has grown dramatically on the past two years. NL7TB organized the effort, and so far close to 1000 US islands have been activated, including 20+ here in Texas. It is a cross between DX and County hunting, although no one has them all! A comprehensive homepage which includes rules, pictures, the island list, etc. is available at <http://www.owt.com/usislands/> One group in Alaska that will be putting out many IOTA and US islands this summer has a great homepage at <http://www.customcpu.com/personal/kl7fh/> Do not confuse the USIA with IOTA. IOTA only counts specific saltwater island groups, while the USIA has river, lake, and saltwater islands, the later which sometimes also count for IOTA. The island corridor is 14250-260, with many US islands running on 14260 when no IOTA islands are

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active. Its a lot of fun, so check it out. Whatcha gonna do now that you've worked BS7H, wait for P5??

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