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You'll find the May *Bullsheet* mailed with the June Bullsheet.

You might also notice how **small** the recent *Bullsheets* have been. That's because I'm the editor and not the writer. I need more contributions from members. Antidotes and stores from TDXS adventures are the best, but feel free to forward any kind of article to me for inclusion

The Prez Sez – de Bob, N5ET

Field Day. Think Field Day..

Tis that time of year again when we get to go check out the Blue Bell Ice Cream and the Washington County fire ants. Don't miss out on all the fun and camaraderie of a TDXS

Field Day. Plan to get there around noon or after on Friday so you can get the max enjoyment out of the set up phase and be ready to load up on a big ole chicken fried steak along with a cold beverage of your choice. A great time will be had by all. I'm still trying to finagle the day off, or if not that, at least the afternoon. Will just have to wait and see. To many other folks scheduled off that day. In either case, I will be up at the site on Friday the 27th.

Between now and then is another biggie, the annual Ham-Com in Arlington. Even though it appears the DX and Contesting element will be keeping a very low profile this year, like it did last year, Linda and I will be there spreading the gospel. I know attendance was down last year and they seem to be having some problems with the organizations that head up the festivities but we all need to support these "local" hamfests. If we don't, we'll end up having to go to Dayton or some other far off location just to see the latest in goodies. We've been to all of the Ham-Com's except one. That year, '81, I was working in Cal. And had to miss. (Though I did get to go to Visalia). I don't know if this Bull Sheet will get to you before or after Ham-Com weekend, but either way, I hope you go, and if you did, that you had a ball.

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 June meeting will be **Thursday June 12, 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://wb5fnd.tech.uh.edu:80/~tdxs/>

On 2 Meters:

147.96/36 MHz

From the Editor – de Dave, WB5N

I'm really sorry that the May *Bullsheet* never got mailed. I REALLY over extended myself in April and May and just couldn't find enough time to get it mailed. I really could use some help getting it in the mail. If you would like to volunteer please get in touch with me.

The TDXS Bullshead

Be sure to make the meeting on Thursday the 12th, especially if you're going to be at Field Day. I know Dale will have some last minute things to get lined out so let's all try to lend a hand. The more the merrier. Plus the food is not bad either. See you there.

As in past years, I'll be staying at the local motel Fri. and Sat nights. If anyone wants to share the room let me know. That shower and air conditioning sure do feel good after a day in the sun. Oh well, I always did think roughing it was a motel with a black and white TV.

Remember **** THINK FIELD DAY ****

Bob, N5ET

TDXS FD CW Site – de Earl, N5TU

As usual we will be set up in the W5SJS motor home somewhere in the trees. Current plans are for a 204BA fixed to the NW, a rotatable tribander, and a rotatable 40 meter beam. 80 meters will be a sloper or dipole. The rig is the venerable KG5U TenTec Omni VI? All antennas are automatically selected by a switch box controlled by the rig. A laptop with color display rounds out the station. We will use an external keyboard so you don't have to worry about those tiny laptop keys. The keyboard will be given away at the end of FD so you might want to hang around for take down. Here's your RP and NZ, whichever one missed out on the XA5T keyboard giveaway.

The signup sheet will be out two hours before the start of the event. Priority goes to those who get there early for setup. Earliest arrival gets first pick. Drop me a line and let me know if you are coming out for setup, takedown, or to operate the CW station.

TDXS FD Phone Site – de Dave, WB5N

Don't expect much in station changes from last year, modern rig yet to me named, Tri-bander and 2 element 40m yagi will be the main antennas. If possible we will have a second Hi-band antenna and will point them NW and NE.

No 75m operation is planned. In a 2A you just don't need it. Too many QSO's are lost in the band changes and there is plenty of rate available on 40m all night.

As usual we will operate from a motor home parked on the top of the hill. I'm going to be a much more hands on captain that last year. **The CW station is not going to bet us on number of QSO's this year.** I'm no going to take anyone out of the seat, but if I see you need help with something I'm going to do my best to get the rate up.

We'll pick operating slots by who gets there first. I believe in letting you cash in that sweat equity of putting up the station.

Contest Corner – de Joe, W5ASP

By golly, looks like we actually came up in the standings in last year's ARRL Sweepstakes club competition. We finished in 6th place in the Medium Category. I think that's the best we've done in some years. Suggests that, just maybe, we could have another try for the gavel ahead of us. Anyone interested ? (Oh yeah... isn't it interesting how FRC and SCCC turn out as "medium" clubs in SS)

Yes, I know... I left several scores out of last months SS CW listing. Dave had a pretty "sudden" deadline, and in the rush I just overlooked a few...

The TDXS showing in Sweepstakes Phone was pretty tepid. Couldn't find anyone who made the "headlines" with the exception of Dale, KG5U who won the STX QRP. (And life's too short for QRP...) The rest of us kinda stumbled along getting no place in particular, but enjoying it.

If you haven't heard, Dave, K5GN did a really superb job as VP5GN in WPX CW. This was his first trip to Provo, and he did in fact get his act together in spite of Murphy's intrusions. He certainly is at or on top of the pile for World SO/AB honors. We'll just have to wait and see how it settles out. And I did manage another NA record from ZF on 20 CW and perhaps a top finish. Don, N5LZ got on as NN5ZZ (Dental School radio club ?). Probably several other TDXSers were active, but I haven't picked up their scores yet.

Field Day's next. I figure Dale, KG5U and his aids will be whipping up the troops elsewhere in this issue. Contrary to earlier word Bob, W5SJS will be at the Ranch early Friday and be on hand to give his support wherever it's needed. As most of you know, the TDXS had its origins in Field Day, and it has always been the primary event each year for the group. I hope everyone who can, especially those who have recently come on board, will lend a hand. It's a super fun time, if you just let it happen.

Results

1996 ARRL SS CW

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|------|------------|--------|-----------|
| NJ1V | 546 x 78 = | 85,176 | #3 STX LP |
| K5WA | 461 x 78 = | 72,072 | #5 STX LP |
| AC5K | 369 x 72 = | 53,136 | #7 STX LP |

1996 ARRL SS Phone

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|-------|-------------|---------|--------------|
| KG5U | 182 x 65 = | 23,660 | #1 STX QRP |
| NJ1V | 209 x 72 = | 30,096 | #6 STX LP |
| K5WA | 138 x 67 = | 18,492 | |
| W5ASP | 1251 x 78 = | 195,156 | #4 STX HP |
| K5NZ | 938 x 76 = | 142,576 | #5 STX HP |
| K5DX | 780 x 78 = | 121,680 | #7 STX HP |
| K5RC | 562 x 78 = | 87,672 | #8 STX HP |
| K5DU | 1552 x 78 = | 242,112 | #1 STX Multi |

The TDXS Bullsheat

(w/ K5NA)
N5TU 1006 x 78= 156,936 #2 STX Multi

28025 kHz; SSB:1845, 3795, 7045, 14195/14295, 18145, 21295, 24945, 28495 kHz;RTTY:14084, 18104, 21084, 28084 kHz. Also 144/432 MHz but not via satellite. QSLs via OH5NE, Orvo Arkko, Muukko, SF-53400 Lappeenranta, Finland.

Politics & DX Don't Mix – de Buzz, N5UR

Apparently the BS7H boys abandoned the reef because their Chinese support vessels were afraid of the Philippine war ships. Question: Why did the Chinese send an amateur expedition to Scarborough the same time they were sending warships into the disputed Spratley Group? If the Scarborough is "unquestionably" Chinese even though its a little over 100 miles from the Philippines but three times that far from China, why did the Chinese wimp out? Are they afraid of the Philippines or is their claim as weak as their resolve to defend their territory? Needless to say, the rumors about a typhoon were pure BS. Lets hope we get the real story at the Gulf Coast Ham Convention!

Politics again caused the cancellations (until Fall?) of the Annobon expedition. Seems 11 of the 13 operators did not get visas. What a strange way to promote tourism.

June looks to be quiet except for Field Day and the odd IOTA. However, 20 has been open to SE Asia most mornings with 3W XU VR97 BY BV HS in abundance. Similarly, 20 has been open in the evenings quite late into Europe and Russia. 15 has been open occasionally to VK ZL, and even a few DX showed on 10 for the CQWPXCW. 40 is open every morning around sunrise with XU 3W JA HL and many Asians and Oceania showing up over the course of the week. 30 & 17 are offering some good DX, but 12 appears mostly dead. The sunspot cycle seems to have turned, so drop that remote control and start tuning again.

The next major expedition will be Willis Island in September. Ann WA1S and John NJ1V will be going on a DXpedition on Willis Island leaving Cairns, Australia on 9 September on a 60 foot boat with over a dozen operators. The cost is expected to be \$30,000 plus. Willis Island is approximately a 30 hour journey from Cairns. They expect to be on the air for 11 to 12 days beginning 11 September 1997. Check out the latest information on the ODXG World Wide WEB at

<http://www.keylink.com.au/odxg/odxgwillis97.html>.

They will also activate a new IOTA, the Coral Sea Islands Territory.

Finally, two stations have broken the 750 confirmed mark for US islands, and both are Canadians. Yours truly is barely half way there. Work sure gets in the way of DX.

4J1 - MALYJ VYSOTSKIJ ISLAND will start up as you read this. R1MVI and OH5AB/MVI will be the calls. CW: 1830, 3501, 7045, 10101, 14025, 18069, 21025, 24891,

See you at Field Day, Buzz N5UR

INTERNET Goodies

DXpediation Master Site:
<http://pw2.netcom.com/~ac6v/pageac.html>

Gulf Coast Ham Convention
<http://www.clarc.org/gchc>

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