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late and didn't get home till 11:30. Did not feel like doing it then.

Had Friday off so we could head out to the 7th annual DX Bash, at Brian's' ranch, W5KFT. We had a great time and the WX was great. TDXS members present were Buzz, N5UR John, NJ1V, Mike, K5NZ, plus Linda and myself. We did miss Richard and Susan. Hope to catch em at the convention. Richard still owes me a 807!

Speaking of the convention, plan to be at the next meeting which will be at the Hyatt Regency, room 717. That's the old location of the Doubletree Inn where we were last year. The meeting will be on Oct. 17, the Friday of the convention weekend. I trust everyone has gotten in the pre registration for the convention. The DX Luncheon appears to be a big draw and may well fill up so hope all here on the TDXS reflector well be in attendance. Should be a great show with Wayne and the Scarborough Reef story, not to mention a super lunch.

Remember too that October is that time of year for final nominations for club officers for '98. Tis time to pass along the "jaw bone". So be thinking about what position you would like to serve on next year. Yes you..

Don't forget to support the raffle. It's the best bargain of the convention, so buy lots. See you Friday at the suite.

73  
Bob, N5ET

## Announcements

**Meeting** – The Texas DX Society Meets the second Friday of each month, except when the date is changed by the Board of Directors. This months meeting will be on October 17, at Hyatt Regency, room 717. That's the old location of the Doubletree Inn where we were last year.

## 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:

Connect K5LV on 144.950 MHz

## The Prez Sez – de Bob, N5ET

Well, looks like I blew it.

The deadline has come and gone for my monthly column. I was going to do it last Thursday, but ended up working

## Contest Corner – de Joe, W5ASP

In the October issue of CQ were the scores for the 1996 CW World Wide CW contest. Though no TDXSers made the top rankings, there were a couple of excellent results posted. Dave, K5GN had the top Single Operator, All Band score for Zone 4. Richard, K5NA was fifth in Zone 4 (though he's listed as K5MA... Jan's call, K5MA actually shows up in the listing twice.) Except for Sharp, K5DX I couldn't find any other TDXSers listed. (Well... actually I did show up as GM6Z... a very modest single band 40 score from the high latitudes.)

## The TDXS Bullsheat

Not to be outdone QST published the results of the 1997 ARRL International DX Phone contest in their October issue. The only three TDXS scores I could find were Jan, K5MA, Richard, K5NA (1st Single Op Assisted 5th District) and W5ASP. Between CW and Phone TDXS managed only a 16th place finish. One thing that comes through loud and clear is that the Texas DX Society is no longer a serious DX contest club.

TDXS team scores in the NAQP and Sprint were not up to our levels of earlier this year, but then the late summer never is quite as active. Dave, K5GN did his usual excellent job on code, Bill, K5GA missed out due to illness in his family. Both Don, N5LZ and Bob, N5DU seem to have their stations playing well, and Mike, K5NZ is doing a bang up job on low power... oh yes, Dale, KG5U is still doing his QRP bit, and quite nicely I'd say. Though we may not be in the running for the big DX tests, there seems to be a flicker of life left when it comes to domestic doings.

And that leads to the subject of Sweepstakes. As usual there will be a number of TDXSers making a serious effort in Sweepstakes this year. After all to many of us it's "THE" contest of the year (outside of WW). Now, it occurs to me that some of the other members might take it upon themselves to get on the air for a few hours and help boost the club's score a few rungs up the ladder this year.

If you're not really keen on operating head-to-head with the "big guns" at the start, wait till Sunday morning. First cruise the bands, starting on 40 M, working the "loud" guys. Then find a frequency and CQ for a while. You'll be surprised at the "mini pile-up" new blood can attract. When things slow down, drop on down to the next band and repeat the process. By the time you've run through the bands, you'll probably have a hundred or more Qs and a good number of sections. Then, if you must, go do whatever else it is that floats your boat. BUT... be sure to come back in the late afternoon and do it again. A few hundred Qs with forty or so sections is a solid score and easily done. Think about it...

It doesn't seem that there will be much activity from the group for CQ World-Wide this year. The effort to put the Lumber Yard back together isn't coming together as quickly as we'd hoped. A multi there is pretty much out of the question now.

However, I do encourage anyone who can get on the air to have a go at it. Fifteen is definitely going to play and there could be some neat stuff on ten. This will put you guys with the transceivers and low antennas right back in the thick of things, even if you're only looking for those elusive band-countries you missed a few years back. Oh yes, do send in your score for TDXS. Anything to improve last year's shabby showing.

### RESULTS

#### 1996 CW World-Wide CW

Call	QSO	Zones	Countries	Points
K5GN	2173	145	402	3,156,737
K5NA	1457	142	363	1,929,595
K5DX	535	96	234	482,460
K5MA/1	1818	116	362	2,512,846
GM6Z	1224	25	92	192,231

#### 1997 ARRL DX Phone

CALL	QSO	Mults	Points
K5MA/1	455	177	241,605
K5NA	804	273	658,476 (Assisted)
W5ASP	138	49	20,286 (Assisted 15M)

#### CLAIMED

#### North American QSO Party

CALL	QSO	Mults	Points
K5GN	720	225	162,000
KN5H(@K7UP)	645	197	127,065
AD5Q	604	178	107,512
N5TU	557	163	90,791
W5ASP	512	163	82,804
K7BV	447	169	76,556
N5LZ	384	150	57,600
KG5U	350	144	50,400
N5DU	125	68	8,500

TDXS #1 - 539,216 Pts (4th ?)

#### North American Sprint CW

CALL	QSO	Mults	Points
K5GN	339	45	15,594
W5ASP	237	40	9,717
N5DU	225	39	8,775
K5NZ	229	42	9,618
K7BV	166	39	6,474

#### North American Sprint Phone

CALL	QSO	Mults	Points
N5LZ	258	48	12,384
N5DU	243	48	11,664
K5NZ	231	45	10,395

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### DX – de Buzz, N5UR

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Kure, North Cook, and Willis all came off with excellent results in September. Total QSOs made by VK9WM and VK9WY were 42,275. After taking all the dupes out the breakdowns are as follows (CW/SSB/RTTY): VK9WM 30,367 QSOs (12,662/17,705) on 160 metres (182 CW), 80 metres (856/1253), 40m metres (3141/2613), 30 metres (1167), 20 metres (3491/6164), 17 metres (949/2626), 15 metres (1772/2289), 12 metres (228/1177) and 10 metres (878/1572 + 5 QSOs on FM); VK9WY

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9,898 QSOs (4803/3537/1558) on 30 metres (838), 20 metres (2151/1497/999), 17 metres (1018/92), 15 metres (393/1513/549), 12 metres (403 CW) and 10 metres (435 SSB). The grand total of QSOs (dupes excluded) is 40,265. I got them on 8 bands, and its not hard to guess which one I missed!

The Annobon expedition for October has been scrubbed again because of visa troubles. No major expeditions are planned this month, however, with 15 open to VU at noon and FT5X on 15, 12 open to EU its time to start collecting those countries you need on 10 12 and 15. Already the heavy DX is moving to 15. But do not ignore the low bands, several VKs were workable the past few mornings in Houston on 160 and EU is starting to poke thru. It should be a great CQ WW SSB month!

The FT islands are on many of your wanted lists, and F5PFP reports that Rene, FR5HR was operating /FT5X on 15 SSB 10/7/97 with plans to hit Amsterdam (AF-002), Crozet (AF-008) and Kerguelen (AF-048) islands. He hopes to be active for three or four days from each island. Look for him between 14.110-14.130 MHz and around the IOTA frequency on 15 metres. QSL via home call.

LA3EX/JX3EX, will be leaving for Jan Mayen (EU-022) on 10 October. He will be active until March or April 1998. QSL to Terje Berg, 8099 Jan Mayen, Norway.

9N1 is on every evening on 20 SSB and a big 5A expedition is planned for November.

Lots of IOTA activity is now on 21260 +/- 10khz. Watch for an all time new Brasilian Island October 8-10 ZW2E:Ilha das Couves (SA-028, DIB 70), and a new Vietnamese island October 14-20 3W? Con Island (AS-???) by JA2EZD & JI6KVR.

See you in the CQ WW pileups. 73 Buzz

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### TDXS Packet Cluster - de Earl, N5TU

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The new TDXS club call, K5LV, went on the air October 5, 1997 as the packetcluster was activated using that call on 144.95. Need to work on getting a link to Kenny going now.

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### Proposal to amend the TDXS constitution

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Submitted by Dave Sarkozi, WB5N.

Change Article III Section 2. to read:

SECTION 2. The appointed officers of this club shall be: Contest Chairman, Field Day Chairman, Repeater Chairman, DX Chairman, Communications Chairman, and Convention Chairman. (effective 1/1/1998)

Currently Article III Section 2. Reads as:

SECTION 2. The appointed officers of the this club shall be: Contest Chairman, Field Day Chairman, Repeater Chairman, Legal Chairman, DX Chairman, and Communications Chairman.

The change removes Legal Chairman and adds Convention Chairman.

The purpose of this change is to provide a position responsible for raising awareness and ensuring TDXS participation in the local ham radio convention. Principal responsibility is the fund raising raffle, but does not exclude organization of speakers, luncheons, hospitality suites and any other convention activity.

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### TDXS September 1997 Meeting Minutes

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The meeting was called to order at Pappas BBQ by N5ET.

The October meeting will be in the TDXS hospitality suite during the GCHC.

K5LV has volunteered his home for the December meeting.

Minutes from the August meeting were read and motion to approve was made by N5DC. Motion carried.

W5MJ reports that there is about \$3600 in the treasury.

KE5FI (now KZ5MM) is in the process of mailing out raffle tickets for the IC756 to be raffled at GCHC.

N5DC reports that the repeater still has intermod and that the TDXS95 digipeater is moving back to 95 so as to link to the TDXS Dxcluster.

GCHC presentations are all lined up except for an hour spot that KG5U vacated. N7NG DX luncheon is a go however there were no volunteers to provide N7NG with a room. W5MJ motioned that we secure a suite for the hospitality suite. N5ET volunteered for suite duty and will procure room, booze, VCR, etc. N5DC motioned \$200 for libations.

Amendment to change legal chairman position to convention chairman was read by N5TU and ballots will be going out on this matter.

Meeting adjourned.

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